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JOHN EDELSTEIN, PRESIDENT.

EMIL E. DATZ,

A. A. HARDENBERGH,

THOMAS D. JORDAN,

JOSEPH WARREN,

GEO. F. McANENY, CLERK.

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Standing Committees

1888.—89.

Finance and Claims.

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WARREN, JORDAN, HARDENBERGH.

Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

DATZ, WARREN, JORDAN.

Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

JORDAN, WARREN, DATZ.

MINUTES.

The members of the Board of Finance and Taxation met in the City Hall April 13, 1888, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of organizing.

There were present Messrs. Datz, Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh, Mr. Edelstein was elected to act as President pro tempore.

Mr. Warren moved that the Board do now proceed to the election of a permanent President.

Mr. Hardenbergh moved as an amendment that the above motion be laid over temporarily.

Mr. Warren withdrew the motion to go into election for a permanent President, and Mr. Hardenbergh moved that the Board adjourn to meet on Monday, April 16, 1888, at 12 o'clock noon.

The latter motion was adopted unanimously.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Monday, April 16, 1888, at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of organizing.

Present—All the members.

By Mr. Warren, and carried:

Moved that this Board do now proceed to the election of a permanent President.

Mr. Warren nominated Mr. Edelstein.

No other nomination having been made, the President pro tem appointed Messrs. Jordan and Warren as tellers.

A ballot was then had with the following result:

Mr. Edelstein received four votes.

One blank vote was cast.

Mr. Edelstein having received the majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected President of the Board for the ensuing year. The President then announced the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

Committee on Finance and Claims—Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Committee on Concurrent Resolutions—Messrs. Warren, Jordan and Hardenbergh.

Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments—Messrs. Datz, Warren and Jordan.

Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies—Messrs. Jordan, Warren and Datz.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved that the rules of order adopted by the last preceding Board of Finance and Taxation, be adopted by this Board until otherwise ordered.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved that the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby authorized to have thirty copies of the printed manuals of the proceedings of the last Board of Finance and Taxation, suitably bound subject to the approval of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

By Mr. Datz and carried.

Moved that when this Board adjourn it be to meet Thursday, April 19, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Thursday, April 19, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Henry Taylor to have personal taxes cancelled.

Petition of Alexander Milne for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of John Prigge, Jr., to be allowed to pay an assessment without interest.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to the destruction of bonds.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Commissioners of Adjustment requesting an appropriation of $3,000.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from C. H. Benson in reference to plans for the new school house.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from the Holly Manufacturing Company in reference to the supply of a new pump.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners returning claim of R. Syringe for repairing fence, stating that the Board has no appropriation to pay said claim.

Received and referred to Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $128.25 for stationery furnished City Collector's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $47 for stationery for City Comptroller's office.

Claim of Christopher Smith of $25 for extra expenses from November 1, 1887, to April 15, 1888.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co. of $25.95 for gas consumed in City Hall during March, 1888.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of James H. Henderson as Fire Commissioner in the sum of $15,000 with Peter Henderson and Alfred Henderson as sureties.

Official bond of John Conway as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000 with Owen McGuire and Claus Meyer as sureties.

Official bond of Peter H. Madden, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Nicholas Toppin and Michael Day as sureties.

Official bond of James F. Gannon, as a member of the Board of Public Works in the sum of $15,000, with Abram Post and William J. Rouget as sureties.

Official bond of Phillip Tumulty, as a member of the Board of Public Works in the sum of $15,000, with Patrick O'Connor and Patrick McGovern as sureties.

Official bond of John Watt, as a member of this Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with James Hunt and Thomas Fitzsimmons as sureties.

Official bond of Elias P. Roberts, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with John Wheelihan, Thomas Harrington and John Pearson as sureties.

Official bond of Michael J. Kennedy, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Joseph T. Kelly and James Baker as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims

Communication from the Board of Public Works, enclosing a communication received in relation to sewers:

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Certain resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works all of which were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from April 13th to 19th, 1888, both days included to be $25,082.76

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally recommending that the following official bonds be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

As Fire Commissioners, Peter H. Madden, James H. Henderson and John Conway.

As members of the Board of Public Works, James F. Gannon, Philip Tumulty and John Watt.

As Police Commissioner, Elias P. Roberts.

As Constable, Michael J. Kennedy.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolution be concurred in.

1. Improvement of Palisade avenue from South to North street.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was unanimously adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims to whom was referred the matter of the payment of the salaries of the fifteen additional men lately appointed by the Board of Police Commissioners to the police force of this city be authorized to borrow sufficient moneys to pay such salaries now due and for the remainder of the fiscal year and that such moneys so borrowed be placed in the next tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the President of this Board, together with the members of the Committee on Finance and Claims, assemble in the City Hall on the 24th inst. at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of destroying certain bonds which have been surrendered in exchange for registered bonds and which are now in the hands of the City Clerk; and further

Resolved, That the Mayor be invited to be present.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant for $3,000 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners of Adjustment, the same to be taken from the moneys received under the adjustment made by said Commissioners and to be used to meet the current expenses of said Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested to visit Trenton and confer with the

State Comptroller and State Treasurer relative to a further payment to the city of moneys due from railroads to Jersey City that the same may be applied by this Board to payment of interest due on May 1, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Hardenbergh declined to serve as a member of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions, and the President appointed Mr. Datz as a member of said committee.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the publication of the annual report of the City Comptroller as complete be omitted from the minutes.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 26, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from The Trumpet asking to be placed on the list of official newspapers.

Received and laid on the table.

Communication from property owners on Grove street between 14th and 15th streets requesting that the lateral sewer in Grove street between said streets be cleaned.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from John A. McGrath, attorney for Michael Kilcauley, requesting payment of a judgment obtained in the Hudson Circuit Court vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from John A. McGrath, attorney, requesting payment of a claim of $178.72 for taxed costs in the case of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John A. Nugent of $27.34 for taking testimony in City cases.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co., of $11 13 for messenger service for Mayor's office during April, 1888.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $16.58 for messenger service furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation during April, 1888.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from April 20 to 26, both days included, to be $79,858.15.

Received and ordered filed.

Frederick J. Mersheimer, collector of arrears of personal tax reported that he had collected since the date of his last report the sum of $1,016.56.

Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works in the sum of $50,000 with Henry Lembeck, Richard C. Washburn, Theodore Smith, Valentine L. Lary and August Ingwersen as sureties.

Official bond of Cornelius Healy as Water Registrar in the sum of $50,000 with Michael Desmond, James Hunt, Peter Bentley and Dennis McLaughlin as sureties.

Official Bond of Thomas Nugent as Police Commmissioner in the sum of $15,000 with James Roche aand Samuel Bush as sureties.

Official bond of John H. Smith as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Patrick L. Reehill, Henry Rohlffs and Richard Driscoll as sureties.

Official bond of Patrick McGinnis as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Bernard McGinnis and Henry Byrne as sureties.

Official bond of Frederick P. Budden, Jr., as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Frederick P. Budden, Sr., and John McLaughlin as sureties.

Official bond of Joseph Locke as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John McCarty and Ernest J. Leonard as sureties.

Official bond of Enoch Ryno as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Ferdinand Heintz and Henry P. Simon as sureties.

Official bond of Godfrey G. Dillaway as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Adolph Luck and F. H. Spengeman as sureties.

Official bond of Henry F. Crawford as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with George E. Cutter and George C. Doyle as sureties.

Official bond of Frederick J. Mersheimer as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with George Gunkle and Charles C. Kramer as sureties.

Official bond of John Jelly as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Coarles Turner and Frederick Payne as sureties.

Official bond of John McGrath as constable in the sum of $1,000, with John Kelly and Dennis Murphy as sureties.

Official bond of William E. Reen as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with P. H. Hanley and Thomas Lenahan as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Certified list of employes of the Board of Public Works employed in removing snow from the sewer basins, culverts and hydrants in Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Pay-roll of laborers and use of horses and carts in removing the snow from the streets of Jersey City, amounting to $5,866.50.

Received and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh it was referred to a special committee of two members of this Board.

The President appointed as such committee, Messrs. Warren and Datz.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Fixing salary of Thomas Reynolds as foreman at pipe yard at $1,300 per annum.

2. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of John A. McGrath, Attorney, for taxed costs recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John A. McGrath, Attorney, for the sum of $178.72, being amount of taxed costs in the case of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution be concurred in:

1. Ordering a warrant drawn to the order of Jacob Van Horn for the sum of $4,800 in payment for lots 46 to 50 inclusive, block 496, fronting on the easterly side of Halladay

street, purchased for site of new school house.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of April, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution:

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds the sum of one hundred thousand dollars at a rate of interest not to exceed four and one-half per centum per annum.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, on account of county tax for the year 1887.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of May, 1888, interest:

On general account, $31,080.

On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $20,000.

On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $20,000.

On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $24,735.

On water account, $16,395.

On water account, $15,000.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $15,000, to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of extra clerks for the month of April, 1888, to wit:

Stephen Egan.....$70.00
John McCutcheon..... ..... 70.00

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt, for the sum of $30, being for extra services itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment for the month of April, 1888.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Berwick J. Waters for the sum of $720.50 on account of reconstruction of sewer in Montgomery street, from Van Vorst to Henderson street, the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board fiscal year 1887-88.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and is hereby empowered and authorized to appoint a messenger for the offices of the Board of Finance and Taxation, City Treasurer and City Comptroller at a salary not to exceed $30 per month.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted March 8, 1888, the resolution directing the City Clerk to draw a warrant in favor of Jacob Van Horn, for the sum of $4,800 in payment for School house site, be and is hereby reconsidered and the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant for the same.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to inform this Board of the probable cost of a boat load of coal the purchase of which is provided for in a resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 12, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to cite Thomas F. Noonan to appear before this Board at its next regular meeting and to explain the reason of the delay in the work which he was authorized to perform by this Board.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 3, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein.

Absent—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

In the absence of a quorum the President declared the meeting adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Thursday, May 10, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Vredenbergh & Garretson, requesting payment of a judgment obtained by George R. Lawrence vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Referred to Committee on Finance and Claims

Bond of indemnity of John J. and Charles H. Sipperly in the sum of $200 for the re issuing of interest checks.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $302.15 for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of Peter F. Donnelly of $17.50 for repairing gas fixtures.

Claim of the Sunday Morning News of $22 for advertising.

Claim of A. T. Witter of $476.90 for painting, papering, etc., in City Collector's office.

Claim of Wm. D. Connell of $27.65 for plumbing work in City Hall.

Claim of Wm. Gorrill of $15.25 for ice furnished during April, 1888.

Claim of Adolph Walter of $10 for repairing clock in City Collector's office.

Claim of P. H. Hanley of $91.50 for furniture for City Collector's office.

Claim of the Argus of $189.75 for printing and advertising.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, April 27th to May 3rd, 1888, both days included, to be $135,787.27

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from May 4th to 10th, both days included, to be $25,204.42.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Collector reported that he had received in his office for collection, reports Nos. 12 and 14, made by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

No. 12 amounting to $61,388.70.

No. 14 amounting to $42,999.32.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing pay rolls of the extra men for the month of April, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Official bonds of Peter H. Daly as Constable, with William J. Rouget and David Harper as sureties.

Frank Meyer as Constable, with Henry Windecker and Henry Wagenbals as sureties.

John H. Masker as Constable, with James Campbell and Thomas Harrington as sureties.

George W. Bremmer as Constable, with A. Bremmer and Michael Freiss as sureties.

Philip McGovern as Constable, with Patrick McGovern and Hugh Rountree as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on communication from John A. McGrath, Attorney for Michael Kilcauley, requesting payment of a judgment obtained vs. the Mayor, etc., recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John A. McGrath, Attorney for Michael Kilcauley, for the sum of $263.91, being amount of judgment and cost obtained against the city in a suit wherein the said Michael Kilcauley was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen defendants.

The same committee reported verbally on the official bonds of the following constables recommending that they be received spread at large on the bond book and filed:

Joseph Locke, John McGrath, John Jelly, Frederick J. Mersheimer, Patrick McGinnes, Henry F. Crawford, William E. Reen, Thomas Nugent, Godfrey G. Dillaway, Frederick P. Budden, Enoch Ryno:

Also the official bonds of John H. Smith as Police Commissioner and Winthrop W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported reccommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, March, 1888, amounting to $3,199.87.

2. Brick sewer in Halladay street, from N. & N. Y. R. R., to 100 feet south of Communipaw avenue.

3. Authorizing the purchase of lot 3, block 1367, on Linden avenue, as a site for a new engine house at a cost not to exceed $850.

4. Construction of a 24-inch brick sewer in Sherman avenue from North to South street.

5. Authorizing the purchase of supplies.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of John Ertle for the return of money paid twice for water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Erwin & Keller, attorneys for John Ertle, for the sum of $56.49, being amount paid twice on lot 19, block 666, for main sewer in First Drainage District, and further that the City Collector be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$3 and $2.50 to the Sunday Morning News.

$30.45, $23.40 and $25.95 to the United Gas Improvement Co.

$189.75 and $120 to the Argus Printing Company.

$47 to the Jordan Stationery Company.

$105 to Totten & Lary.

$25 to Christopher Smith.

$1.80 to Jersey City Herald.

$27.34 to John A. Nugent.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee to whom was referred the pay-roll of streets and sewers for the month of November, 1882, amounting to $1,417.29, and certain claims of the Board of Public Works aggregating $3,315.56, for work done and materials furnished during the years 1881–1882, would respectfully report as follows:

Your committee find that during the period stated the money which should have been used for the payment of the pay-roll and claims referred to, was appropriated by the Board of Public Works to pay expenses incident to a break in one of the main sewers. The above pay-roll and claims were presented to the Board of Public Works for payment, but were referred to your Board. No resolution ordering their payment having been passed by the Board of Public Works, and the Corporation Counsel and Attorney have given as their opinion that the Board of Finance and Taxation have no power in any case to order the payment of bills contracted by the Board of Public Works, unless said Board shall first certify to their correctness by ordering their payment and requesting the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation. By the provisions of an act of the Legislature approved March 31, 1882, the Board of Finance and Taxation was authorized to appropriate moneys to pay expenses incurred by the breakage of sewers, etc., and to place the amount in the succeeding tax levy. Your committee conferred with the Corporation Counsel and Attorney upon the matter, and have been advised to report against the payment of the pay-roll and claims as such payment cannot be made under the provisions of the act referred to which was passed with special reference to this case, but does not provide for the payment of these claims inasmuch as the indebtedness created by the breakage in the sewer has been paid by the Board of Public Works, and we cannot interpret the act to give any authority for the payment of said pay-roll and claims which we herewith return. While your committee believe in the justice of the claims and pay-roll and would be pleased to have the power to order their payment they are convinced that such action upon their part would render the members of this Board liable to indictment.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN EDELSTEIN,
THOMAS D. JORDAN,
E. E. DATZ,
Special Committee.

The ayes and nays having been called, the report of the Committee was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to return the Board of Public Works the pay-roll and claims.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $20,000, to transfer that amount from General Account to May, 1888, Interest Account, to pay interest on assessment bonds.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the following named citizens, namely: L. J. Gordon, Wm. A. Lewis, John D. Carscallen, Thomas E. Bray and Peter Henderson, be requested to meet in an advisory capacity with the Board of Finance and Taxation (at some early date to be mutually agreed upon) to determine what monies, if any, are due from any source to the Sinking Funds of Jersey City, under the control of the Board of Finance and Taxation, acting as Sinking Fund Commissioners or otherwise, and what action, if any, is essential, to restore the integrity of such funds.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to change upon the books in his office the assessment against lots 15, 16, 17, block 583, Fifth District, by making lots 16 and 17 exempt and assessing lot 15 to Edward Ferris at a valuation of $1,800 for taxes of 1887.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 17, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Liquor Dealers Association, requesting the removal of S. D Dickinson as City Comptroller of Jersey City

Received and laid on the table.

Communication from Collins & Corbin, Attorneys for Richard C. Loesch, requesting payment of a judgment and costs amounting to $116.70 obtained in the First District Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Bond of Indemnity of Samuel Blakey of $50, and requesting the re-issuing of a warrant lost or mislaid.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $307.95 for stationery for the Assessors.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $421 for Assessors' books.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $495.50 for printing 1,000 copies of Expert Yalden's report.

Claim of David Black of $5.50 for painting safes in City Treasurer's office.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $11.99 for messenger service during April, 1888, for Mayor's office.

Claim of Albert Datz of $66 for printing.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $22.50 for gas consumed in City Hall during April, 1888.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $16.23 for messenger service furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation during April 1888.

Claim of The Argus of $299.90 for printing and advertising.

Claim of W. W. Farrier of $193.69 for plumbing work.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bonds:—

Bond of John E Scott in the sum of $25,000 with William Clarke and William Brinkerhoff as sureties.

Bond of Richard Garrick as Constable in the sum of $1,000 with John Garrick and Henry Puster as sureties.

Bond of Peter H. Daly as Constable in the sum of $1,000 with David Harper and William J. Rouget as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting an extra appropriation of $1,000 for advertising printing and stationery required for the contemplated action in regard to the increase of licenses.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk nominating John O'Rourke as clerk in his office.

Received and filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the following members present:

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported a communication from Vredenbergh & Garretson, Attorneys, requesting payment of a judgment, reccommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Vredenbergh & Garretson, attorneys for George R. Lawrence, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-six dollars and seventy-six cents, being amount of a certain judgment and costs obtained in the First District Court, in a case wherein George R. Lawrence was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants; provided, however, that before the warrant is delivered, a proper satisfaction of said judgment is filed with the City Clerk.

The same committee reported verbally on the official bonds of Frank Meyer and Phillip McGovern, as constables, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Five resolutions authorizing the purchase of certain supplies.
2. Requesting permission to take up cement pipe in several streets.
3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

President Edelstein presented a minority report of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions concurring in awarding the contract to Lawrence Carey, for cleaning the sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Nays—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

Mr. Jordan presented a majority report of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions concurring in awarding the contract to Lawrence Carey, for cleaning the sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Nays—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of J. G. Mohr-

beck, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct upon the books in his office the assessment made for taxes of 1886 against lots 65, 66, and 67, block 1,363, by making it lots 65 and 66, at a valuation of $300, and cancelling lot 67, the enumeration of said lot being an error, as it does not exist.

On petition of Mrs. Canfield:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office the poll tax assessed against lot 17, block 357, Third District, for the year 1886, the same having been assessed through error.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of certain pay-rolls for use of horses and carts in removing snow during days succeeding the heavy storm in March, 1888, and for services of W. R. Cook, which said pay-rolls, aggregating $4,956 50, have been presented to this Board for payment, the money to be taken from the general fund and placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That this Board sanction an expenditure of not exceeding one thousand dollars for the purpose of making provision to meet the costs of advertising, and printing and stationery needed in the issuing of licenses rendered necessary by recent laws, and that the Comptroller be authorized to open a special account for said purpose, against which claims of Board of Aldermen for said purpose may be charged, the money to be provided out of monies not otherwise appropriated until the next tax levy.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That this Board meet as a Committee of the Whole on Friday evening, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of conference with the committee of citizens appointed at the last regular meeting in reference to the condition of the Sinking Funds of Jersey City.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That as recommended by the City Clerk, John O'Rourke, is hereby appointed a clerk in the City Clerk's office at a compensation and at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum, term of office to commence May 18, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 24, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Spencer Weart, Attorney for James P. Hall requesting payment of a judgment and cost obtained against the city in the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of William Kasemeyer for the return of money paid twice on taxes.

Petition of K. J. Suazade to have water rents cancelled.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from John A. McGrath calling the attention of this Board to the appointment of a Vinegar Inspector and the duties of said officer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments with power.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Evening Journal Association of $56.40 for advertising.

Claim of William Gerrill of $15.25 for ice delivered at City Hall from April 15 to May 15, 1888.

Claim of Hall Safe and Lock Company of $85 for repairs to safe in City Treasurer's office.

Claim of The N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., of $85.35 for rent of instrument and tollage in Mayor's office from October 1, 1887, to July 1, 1888.

Claim of John Mullins of $92 for chairs for City Treasurer's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from May 18, to 24, 1888, both days included to be $40 152.32;

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk notifying the Board that he had discharged Robert L. Hudson and requesting that his name be stricken from the pay-roll to date from May 25, 1888.

Received ordered filed and the Clerk directed to comply with the request in the communication.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

Mr. Hardenbergh stated that he contemplated a trip to Europe and requested the Board to grant him a leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Datz leave of absence for four months to date from June 1, 1888, was granted to Mr. Hardenbergh.

Petition of Charles Miller to have a portion of York street repaved.

Received and referred to the Board of Public Works when organized.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of Collins & Corbin requesting payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Collins & Corbin, Attorneys for Richard C. Loesch, for the sum of $116 70, being amount of a judgment and costs recovered against the city in a suit wherein Richard C. Loesch was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen defendants; provided, however, a proper satisfaction of said judgment shall be filed with the City Clerk before the warrant is delivered.

The same committee reported verbally recommending that the following official bonds be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

As City Clerk, John E. Scott.

As Constables, Peter H. Daly, Richard Garrick and George W. Bremmer.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay roll, Water Rates and Assessments, July, 1887. $4[illegible].

2. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, August, 1887, $205.50.

3. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, September, 1887, $311.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Alexander Milne, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the sum of $20.54 be paid to Alexander Milne, being amount paid twice for water rents of 1886 on lots 66 and 65, block 133, Warren street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the payment of the following claims:

$83.75 to the Argus for printing Comptroller's reports.

$22 to The Sunday Morning News for advertising.

$10 to Adolph Walter for repairing clocks.

$143 to Albert Datz for warrant books for City Clerk.

$66 to Albert Datz for printing.

$421 to Jordan Stationery Co. for Assessor Field's books.

$495.50 to Jordan Stationery Co. for printing Expert's reports.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $50,000 to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $10,000 on account of county tax for 1888.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson

County National Bank to the credit of June 1888 interest:

On general account, $13,500.

On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $20,000.

On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds, $22,000.

On water account, $8,680.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 18, 1888, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for cleaning the sewers and receiving basins be awarded to Lawrence Carey at the price mentioned in his bid, presented February 20, 1888, be and the same is hereby concurred in.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 21, 1888, and presented to this Board for concurrence, ordering paid certain claims of William R. Cook for removing ashes and garbage, be and is hereby referred back to the Board of Public Works for further investigation.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the pay-rolls presented to this Board by the Board of Public Works, to wit: Cleaning sewers, December, 1887, $559; cleaning sewers, January, 1888, $429, be referred to Commissioner Tumulty, of the Board of Public Works for investigation, and report to this Board.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the President of this Board be and is hereby appointed a Committee of One to investigate the claims of Thomas W. Leake for salary as detective patrol, and report the result of such investigation to this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously:

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the term of office of John A. Blair as Corporation Counsel for Jersey City shall and does by virtue of this resolution now cease.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, and Mr. Warren.

Nays—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, and Jordan.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the term of office of the present City Comptroller, Samuel D. Dickinson expire on the seventh day of June, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein.

Nays—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday May 31, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the Clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as Clerk protem.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with,and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Allan L. McDermott.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I have been honored with two invitations from your Board to attend meetings held for the purpose,as I understand, of examing the sinking funds of Jersey City. I regret that I could not attend, particularly since my attention has been called to the remarks of one of the gentlemen invited to the investigation concerning the cancellation of certain bonds held by the Sinking Fund Commissioners in 1884.

As those bonds were destroyed under my advice, it is but just to my former colleagues that I should reiterate the opinion I then expressed to them and yet entertain that such action was entirely legal. That it was for the best interests of the city no one acquainted with your municipal finances will entertain a doubt. There seems to prevail so vague an idea concerning the creation and objects of the sinking funds of Jersey City that it may not be out of place, before accounting for the cancellation of those bonds to briefly review the history of the funds.

The powers of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund are not defined by the charter of Jersey City, except that, by section 169 of that law, certain provisions of "An act to consolidate and make into one city, to be called Jersey City, the cities of Jersey City, Hudson and Bergen,in the county of Hudson" (Laws of 1870 p. 1,241-2) are retained (Laws of 1871 p. 1,133) and certain powers conferred on the Board of Finance and Taxation which were first vested in the Mayor and Aldermen of the consolidated city. By this section, 169, the Board of Finance and Taxation is made, ex-officio, Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. So that the first step in an inquiry as to the powers and duties of these Commissioners is necessarily the examination of the act of 1870. It will be seen by section 184 (Laws of 1870, p. 1,242), that the Legislature intended to create three sinking funds, to be devoted to the payment of the debt, respectively, of Jersey City, Hudson City and Bergen. The Commissioners were, by this act, authorized to invest the money which came to their hands, and was not needed to pay the interest on the debt of each city, in bonds and mortgages, State bonds of New Jersey, or United States securities, or bonds of the said consolidated city or of Hudson county, and pay off the debts of said cities, from time to time, as they shall become due, or at such other times as may be advantageous to do so. The total amount of indebtedness of the former cities of Bergen and Hudson City now outstanding is, I believe, $691,000. The scheme contemplated by the act of 1870 was not carried out, and probably could not have been.

Abandoning the plan of separate sinking funds to meet the respective debts of the consolidated municipalities, the Legislature gave its direction to the Commissioners in a supplement to the charter, approved March 24, 1873, as follows:

"Sec. 12.—And be it enacted, that all moneys to be received from licenses and fines granted and imposed under the act to which this is a supplement, and all moneys to be received from the redemption of lands within the present limits of Jersey City, which have been sold for taxes levied prior to the year 1871, and all moneys to be received from the payment of all taxes, interest and penalties levied before that year, shall be appropriated to the sinking fund of Jersey City; that said sinking fund shall be used exclusively to satisfy bonds of Jersey City." (Laws of 1873 p. 402).

By a further supplement, passed the same year, the sources of revenue for this fund were increased as follows:

"And be it enacted, That all taxes for the years 1871 and 1872, which shall be remaining unpaid December first, 1873, shall, when collected, thereafter be deposited in the sinking fund, and shall be used only for the satisfaction of bonds." (Laws of 1873 p. 812). This fund is called the sinking fund of 1873.

There are several minor sinking funds provided for by laws under which bonds have been issued by the city, and all the funds may be classified as follows:

I. The sinking fund of 1873.

II. Those which are to be devoted to the payment of bonds issued under laws requiring the annual assessment of a certain per centum of the bonds issued and its application to the payment of such bonds.

III. What might be called the sinking fund of the act of 1884, requiring that ten per centum of the annual tax levy shall be appropriated to the payment of bonds. This fund cannot be borrowed from by the Board of Finance and Taxation, the act of 1884 (Laws of 1884 p. 107) providing that the money collected for this fund shall not be loaned from such sinking fund to any other department or Board of such city.

"In the drawing of this act an omission was made which may be, and probably will be, taken advantage of. The act does not specify what collections shall be awarded to this fund, and as it will always be more convenient to postpone any payments until the collection of the last ten per centum of each levy, the fund of 1884 will not be a very important factor in the conservation of the city's credit until amendatory legislation is had, requiring that a per centum of each levy, as collected, be paid into the fund.

The only one of these funds at present worthy of consideration is the sinking fund of 1873. On November 30, 1887, your City Comptroller reported the total amount in the sinking funds at $850,522, of which $831,022 is credited to the fund of 1873. It is evident that there has not been anything paid into a sinking fund under the act of 1884, above referred to, or under the act authorizing the last issue of bonds made by Jersey City for the purpose of funding its temporary debt.

A glance at your annual reports shows the condition of the fund of 1873. Its chief asset is temporary loan bonds, $634,565. This calls for explanation, which will be found in the fact that from time to time the moneys which have been paid into the sinking funds of Jersey City have been borrowed by the city, through its Board of Finance and Taxation, on the faith of the temporary loan bonds, issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes, by the city to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

It does not need an extensive calculation to see that this means, in so many words, that the sinking funds of Jersey City are worth

the amount of overdue taxes which can be collected and placed to their credit. So far as the ultimate use contemplated in the creation of these funds is concerned the temporary loan bonds are worth each dollar that can be collected of the taxes, in the anticipation of whose collection the temporary bonds were issued; provided the collection is followed by a sequestration of the cash and its application to the purchase or payment of outstanding bonds. This resolves itself to the proposition that the real sinking fund of Jersey City is to-day the past due taxes and assessments; that if such taxes and assessments are to be applied to the payment of current expenses and accruing interest, there is not at present anything worthy the name of a sinking fund in Jersey City. And this will hold true whether Jersey City puts its promise to pay the Sinking Fund Commissioners in the shape of one large bond or a lot of little bonds.

Whether the course of borrowing from these funds has been consistent with sound financial policy must be passed upon in the light of the necessities created by the fact that for sixteen years Jersey City was unable to obtain the legislation necessary for the collection of its taxes. The only other courses open were, to increase the funded debt by issuing long bonds or to default in the payment of obligations, and of the evils presented I believe the city chose the least.

If I am wrong in this, the remedy is plain, for, under the act of 1884, the city may issue bonds, sell them and pay in cash to the Sinking Fund Commissioners the amount of temporary indebtedness due them on the first of April of that year. I have thus far considered only the sinking funds provided for in the ways mentioned above, but while your Board is considering this matter it will be necessary to take notice of the fact that, in its disposal of past due taxes and assessments collected under the Martin act, the city must observe the provisions of that act, which provides that the money collected under the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to revise and adjust unpaid assessments and taxes shall be applied to the payment of any indebtness to which the original tax, assessment or water rate was specifically pledged, and to the payment of other debts of the city, if any, but no application to any other use shall be made while any bonds of the city remain unpaid. (See chapter CCCXXX, section 1, Laws of 1888.) I speak of this as a sinking fund, and it is so in the true sense of the term, although the money collected is not committed, in terms, to the custody of the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

I understand that, in the use of the funds collected under the revisions made by these Commissioners, it has been assured in several cities that the words or other debts is not limited by the closing part of the sentence quoted, and that these moneys have been placed to the credit of general accounts and used to pay the current expenses of municipal government. I think this course is a clear violation of the spirit and letter of the law. The third section of the act is loosely drawn, but if the construction spoken of is to be given it, we have the Legislature saying that these funds may be used to pay any debts the city may incur. The true construction of the section limits the power of Jersey City, (which certainly has bonds unpaid) in the use of moneys collected under the Martin act, to two lines, viz:

1. The payment of bonds (temporary loan or funded debt) to which certain taxes, assessments or water rents are specifically pledged.

II. The general reduction of bonded debt.

The current expenses of Jersey City are provided for, or are supposed to be, in the annual tax levy. The tax levy is not only the limit of expenditure, but its collection is the only source to which the creditors of the city have a right to look for payment of debts incurred on account of the appropriations upon which the tax levy is calculated. Let us follow the use of the funds collected under the Martin act for general expenses during the present year to its legitimate conclusion. The city uses the funds collected under the readjustments. It does not borrow them and does not become indebted to any sinking fund for them. What, then, is to become of the tax levy of 1887-88, when collected? It cannot be used to replace the funds collected under the Martin act, for these have not been borrowed, but appropriated. It cannot be applied to any sinking fund, and if the Legislature intended that these adjusted taxes and assessments could be used to pay current expenses, why should any tax be levied until this source of revenue is exhausted? These moneys should be kept intact and sacredly applied to the reduction of the bonded debt of the city, and I do not think it would be difficult to devise plans under which the city would not be put to the necessity of paying interest on loans while holding the accumulations of these adjusted revenues.

I have written far more than I intended to, and perhaps more than seems necessary as an introduction to an explanation of the destruction of certain bonds in 1884. It has been my desire, however, to prominently and plainly present the proposition that the primary purpose of all sinking funds in Jersey City is to reduce the bonded debt, and that those funds may be used, at any time, to effect that reduction. On the 1st of April 1884, there fell due $242,000 of the bonds of old Jersey City. On other dates between April and October, 1884, about $30,000 of other bonds fell due. These bonds were all charges against the sinking fund, and the sinking Fund Commissioners were authorized to dispose of any bonds in their treasury to meet those falling due on the first of April and the others mentioned. There were in the sinking fund on that day:

I. $19,000 of water bonds, bearing 6 per cent. interest.

II. $152,00 of water bonds bearing 7 per cent. interest.

III. $141,000 of assessment bonds, bearing 7 per cent. interest and due in 1893.

IV. $110,000, a current expense, general bond, due 1913, and bearing 7 per cent. interest.

V. A lot of temporary loan bonds and a small amount of cash.

Under a law of 1884, the city was authorized to issue six per cent. bonds to pay this $242,000 and other indebtedness.

The act was not passed early enough to allow of the printing of the bonds by April 1st., but $240,000 of the proposed issue were sold at par on the 31st. of March, 1884, and the seven per cent. assessment and general bonds of the sinking fund were delivered to the purchasers of the new issue with the understanding that they should be returned when the new bonds were issued. The exchange was subsequently made.

Now at this point, the Board of Finance and Taxation had the legal right to allow the seven per cent. bonds to remain in the sinking fund and make the payment of the bonds

falling due as stated a clear increase of the city debt, or they could apply the bonds in the sinking fund to those outstanding and falling due. The latter could be done in two ways, by selling the seven per cent. bonds, or by retiring them, either as paid with the proceeds of the sale of the bonds of 1884, or under the general power of the Commissioners to cancel any bonds which the fund is intended to pay. To have issued two lots of seven per cent. bonds, having nine and twenty-nine years to run would have been the worst of folly. These bonds were therefore burned. I shall tax your patience further only to express my regret that Jersey City cannot have a few more such quarter-of-a-million bon-fires, and to remind the gentleman whose remark about destroying bonds almost in the dead of night has caused you the infliction of this communication that it is a very good thing, on some occasions, to know what one is talking about.

"Your obedient servant,
"ALLAN L. MCDERMOTT."

"Trenton, May 31, 1888.

Received ordered spread in full on the minutes and filed.

Petition of Sarah S. Perry for the return of money paid in error on water rates.

Petition of F. W. Coles to have sale for water rents cancelled.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $35.20 for advertising.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, May 25 to 31, 1888, both days included to be $48,550.22

Received and ordered filed.

The City Collector reported that he had received from Dennis McLaughlin, County Clerk, reports Nos. 13 and 15 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

No. 13 amounting to $55,656.49.

No. 15 amounting to $52,095.51.

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract to Thomas Cogan for the improvement of Summit avenue from Academy street to Sip avenue recommending that the same be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called, on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the pay-roll for the month of May, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

President Edelstein as a Special Committee of one appointed to investigate the claims of Thomas W. Leake for services as detective patrol on the Passaic river reported as follows:

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with a resolution presented by Mr. Warren at the last regular meeting of this Board I was appointed as a Special Committee of One to investigate the claims of Thomas W. Leake for services rendered as detective patrol on the Passaic river I would most respectfully report that I have carefully examined the claims and duly investigated the duties performed by Mr. Leake and find that during the winter months Mr. Leake has honestly performed the duties assigned as such detective patrol and I would most respectfully recommend that this Board order the payment of the claims drawn in favor of Mr. Leake.

JOHN EDELSTEIN,
Special Committee.

On motion of Mr. Jordan the report of the committee was received, ordered spread at large on the minutes and the recommendation therein contained adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of extra clerks for the month of May, 1888, when due, viz.:

Stephen Egan.....$70 00
John McCutcheon..... ..... 70 00

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for the sum of $30, being for extra services, itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment for the month of May, 1888.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John H. O'Neill, for the sum of $5, being for five days' services as messenger to the Board of Finance and Taxation during the month of April, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk pro tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday June 7, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion of President Edelstein the minutes of the last regular meeting were corrected as follows, the Clerk being directed to insert the following report made by Thomas W. Leake:

JERSEY CITY, May 31, 1888.

Hon. John Edelstein, President of the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

DEAR SIR—In reply to yours, beg leave to state that from the first of January, I visited Newark, Kearny and Harrison along the banks of the Passaic river, also Woodside and Belleville. I went up Second river as far as Montclair, inspecting the factories through Montclair, Bloomfield, Soho, also along Passaic river to Avondale, West Rutherford, Kingsland, Passaic and Garfield, visited the factories of McKenzie and Ward, Kingsland Bros.' Paper Mills, Dundee, Wool Co., Pitkins & Hollingsworth, Reed & Barry, Passaic Print Works, Rittenhouse Mfg. Co., A Basch Bleachery Co., Waterhouse Bros., Watson Bros., Passaic Chemical Works, Samuel E. Crump, Hendricks Bros., Moffett's Mills, Marshall Thread Co., Standard Oil Co. pumping station on Saddle river, Lody Chemical Works at Lody, Bryan Bros.' Bleaching at Lody on Saddle river, City Clerk's office at Passaic. Have had the city gas works of Passaic to build a receiving tank for their coal tar, also Pitkins and Hollingsworth are building a tank to receive their solid matter. Have collected samples of water each month and forwarded same to Profs. Austin and Wilbur, New Brunswick, N. J. I notify the Board of Public Works, when I find any one polluting the waters of the Passaic river or its tributaries. They have a communication from me now of great importance, one in regard to action taken by the counsel of the city of Passaic, who have declared their intention of sewering into the Passaic river at River street to test the law, another in regard to the city of Newark building a large sewer at Gully Road, upper end of Mount Pleasant cemetery, about 1½ miles from Jersey City's intake.

Hoping this will give you some idea of my duty as Inspector, I remain,

Yours very truly,

T. W. LEAKE.

P. S.—Now that the boat is running on the Passaic, I generally make 3 to 4 trips a week.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John O'Brien for the return of money paid in error on waterrents.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. Datz of $44 for printing, etc.

Claim of John Mullins of $7.20 for furniture for City Treasurer's Office.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Treasurer and City Marshal, both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury June 1 to 7, 1888, both days included, to be $40,275.47.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY June 4, 1888.

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN: Your resolution concurring in the payment of $207.25 to Michael Mullery for grading in Wayne street, between Cornelison avenue and Gray street, in the early part of 1886, is herewith returned without my signature. I am under the impression that the Board of Public Works had no right to order the work done, and did not so order it, but that it was ordered by some member or committee of the Board without authority of the Board. It is probable that the kind of work claimed to have been done should be assessed upon the property benefitted as a "street improvement" and should have been done by contract.

In this case the claim has been resting so long that I decline to pursue the investigation beyond what appears on the enclosed papers. If the claim is proper the party should now sue for it. We have no available funds out of which to pay it.

But I raise a further objection to all claims of this kind. The expense is incurred without any authority whatever, by a member of a city Board. The claim is sent in, referred to the proper committee and reported correct. The Board orders it paid. I have made strenuous objections to such claims many times, but have been advised by the Corporation Counsel that the fact of the Board approving the claim has remedied the defect—that is, the Board has sanctioned the expenditure.

I think it a bad method. By such a method the resolution authorizing the expenditure has not been sent to me for consideration because there was no such resolution adopted, and, if the Mayor does not approve the opportunity provided in the charter for him to make known his objection before the debt is created, has been avoided and he is left to object after the claim has been approved by two Boards and two committees and the Chief Engineer as in the present case. But I do object all the same, and whatever the legal status of the claim may be at this stage the method is not in good faith towards the city. I have often signed after making objection to the regularity of claims because I did not desire to appear to be unjust towards the claimants, after being advised that there was no legal objection.

But it seems to me that all the Boards should be compelled to proceed with regularity in expending the public money.

Your obedient servant,

ORESTES CLEVELAND,
Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from John A. McGrath, Counsel to the Board of Chosen Freeholders, addressed to the Commissioner E. E. Datz, asking if anything had been done in reference to furnishing a room, etc., for the Inspector of Vinegar, under an act of the Legislature.

Mr. Datz moved that the communication be referred to the Corporation Counsel. Carried.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled—the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bond of John H. Masker, as Constable, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Fixing salary of T. W. Leake as Inspector of the Passaic river and its tributaries at $1,500 per annum.

2. Awarding contract to Samuel Overton for the improvement of Virginia avenue from 250 feet west of Ocean to Jackson avenues.

3. Ordering paid claim of the American Steam Boiler Co.

4. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported as follows:

On petition of William Kasemeyer.

Resolved, That a warrant for $129.25 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William Kasemeyer, being amount paid for taxes of 1886 on lot 34, block 665, after said lot had been adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment and the adjusted amount having been since paid.

On petition of E. F. Phalen:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct upon the books in his office the errors made by crediting to lot house No. 78 Bowers street, block 773, the following payments. Taxes of 1883, $50.92; taxes of 1884, $41.95; taxes of 1885, $41.14; and transfer said payments to lots No. 56 to 58, block 773, owned by E. F. Phelan street No. 84.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Comm ttee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Western Union Telegraph Co., for the sum of $5.75 being for telegraph messages for Mayor's Office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $938.27 from the Contingent Fund to the account of Printing, Stationery and Supplies, Board of Finance and Taxation, fiscal year 1887 and 1888, for the purpose of paying the following claims:

$91.50 to P. H. Hanley for furniture for City Treasurer's office.

$17.50 to Peter F. Donnelly for gas fixtures for City Treasurer's office.

$65.93 to A. Dwyer for painting, etc., City Treasurer's and Comptroller's offices.

$209.35 to Warren & Mahoney for carpenter work in City Treasurer's and Comptroller's office.

$45.69 to A. T. Witter for matting, etc., in City Clerk's office.

$476.90 to A. T. Witter for painting, papering, etc., in City Collector's office.

$31.40 to A. T. Witter for work in City Comptroller's office.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted May 31st, 1888, the resolution concurring in the action of the Board of Public Works in awarding to Thomas Coogan the contract for the improvement of Summit avenue, from Academy street to Sip avenue, be and is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the several Boards of the City Government be requested to send to this Board by June 21, 1888, their estimates for the next fiscal year.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to supervise the valuations made by the Assessors in the several districts as their basis for the taxes of 1888; and be t further

Resolved, That the Assessors be directed to report to said committee from time to time, as said committee may direct.

The President appointed as such committee the Committee of the Whole.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday June 21, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition from W. H. Furman, M. P. Merseles, John A. Roebuck, James H. O'Neill and others, requesting that the contract for the proposed new pump at High service station be awarded to the Worthington Pump Co.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of George E. Watson for the return of money paid twice on water rents.

Petition of the Summit Avenue Baptist Church to have tax sale cancelled.

Petition of Mrs. Joseph Koehler for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Thomas Miller in reference to the Worthington pump.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Collins & Corbin, Attorneys for Emmons & Co., requesting payment of a judgment and costs obtained in the First District Court, amounting to $17.53.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $26.85, for gas consumed in City Hall.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $14.50, for carpenter work in City Hall.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the Board of Public Works to visit Belleville.

Received and accepted.

Official Bond of F. P. Woodcock as Permit Clerk of the Board of Public Words in the sum of $5,000 with John Wheelihan and James Roche as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Requisition from the Commissioners of Adjustment requesting that $5,000 be set aside to meet expenses.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received from Dennis McLaughlin, County Clerk, report No. 16 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $27,962.48.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney in reference to a judgment obtained against the city by Bridget Kiernan executrix of Patrick Kiernan deceased.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Clerk nominating as clerk in his office Thomas Kenney to fill vacancy caused by the removal of Robert L. Hudson, and asking that the name of John O'Rourke as clerk in his office be taken from the pay-roll.

The communication was received and the recommendation contained therein adopted.

Estimates of appropriations required by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the fiscal year 1888-89:

For salaries	$89,750 00
For general account	23,000 00
For hose	5,000 00
For two new steamers	8,000 00
For one new hook and ladder truck	2,000 00
For one new telegraph repeater	1,800 00
Total	$129,550 00

Estimate of appropriations required by the Board of Education for the fiscal year 1888-89:

Teachers salaries	$250,000 00
Fuel	10,000 00
Salary of Superintendent	3,500 00
Clerk hire	2,000 00
Free library	1,000 00
Books, stationery and music	15,000 00
Rentals	1,200 00
Furniture, repairs and gas	15,000 00
Printing and blanks	1,500 00
Janitors' salaries	17,000 00
Janitors' supplies	1,500 00
Census	2,500 00
Annual report	400 00
Evening schools	5,000 00
Furnishing School No. 22	3,500 00
Total	$329,100 00

Estimate of appropriation required by the Board of Police Commissioners for the fiscal year 1888-89:

Lamps and lights	$92,500 00
Hospitals and dispensaries	16,000 00
Printing, stationery and supplies	3,400 00
Station houses and prisons	11,050 00
Salaries	259,380 00
Police Justices	5,000 00
Rentals	1,740 00
Total	$389,070 00

Estimate of appropriations required by the Board of Aldermen for the fiscal year, 1888-89:

For relief of out door poor	$12,000 00
For printing, stationery and supplies	3,000 00
For publication of city ordinances in book form	500 00
For rent of armories and supplies	5,000 00
For elections	11,000 00
For care and improvement of public grounds and buildings	3,000 00
For urinals for parks and sewer connections for same	1,000 00
For salary City Clerk	3,000 00
For salary City Marshal	1,000 00
For salary Overseer of the Poor	1,000 00
For salary Inspector of Buildings	1,500 00
For celebration of Fourth of July	1,000 00
For observance of Decoration Day	200 00
For trimming and removing trees dangerous to life and limb	500 00
District Courts—	
Salaries of Judge, Clerk and Constable	8,350 00
Printing, stationery and supplies	1,000 00
Rent of District Court Rooms	1,000 00
For a floating salt water bath	5,000 00
For improving lands owned by the city and purchased for reservoir purposes and not required for such purposes, and to render same suitable for use by the public as a park as provided for by an Act concerning cities passed June 1, 1886	10,000 00

For signs for street names at street intersections	1,000 00
For new settees for parks	1,000 00
Total	71,050 00

All the above estimates were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding contract to Patrick F. Plunket, for the improvement of Summit avenue, from Sip avenue to Academy street.

2. Fixing salary of F. P. Woodcock as Permit Clerk at $1,000 per annum.

3. Construction of a 24-inch brick oval sewer in Old Bergen road.

4. Construction of a main sewer in Lafayette.

5. Fixing salary of foreman of pipe yard at $1,300 per annum.

6. Fixing salary of Inspector of water gates at $75 per month.

7. Ordering warrant drawn to Mary Goldenborn for $850, for property purchased on Linden avenue, for a new engine house.

8. Ordering paid $750.09 to B. J, Waters as final payment for Montgomery street sewer.

9. Fixing salaries of certain officers appointed.

10. Appointment of Thomas Nelson as weighmaster at Belleville, at $75 per month.

11. Authorizing Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for 10,000 tons of coal for Belleville and High Service.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan. and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported the Official Bond of F. P. Woodcock as Permit-Clerk recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the Bond Book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Construction of a 24-inch brick sewer in Lincoln street.

2. Ordering paid salary of T. W. Leake for January and February, 1888

3. Advertising for bids for new engine house on South street.

4. Awarding to M. B. Allen contract for a 24-inch brick sewer in Webster avenue.

5 Improvement of Cambridge avenue from Franklin to Hutton street.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of F. W. Coles for cancellation of sale made for water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office the sale made for water rents of 1870 against lots Nos. 17 and 18 Pavonia avenue, block 358, the same having been assessed in error.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of American District Telegraph Company, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $8 be paid to the American District Telegraph Company for bell in City Treasurer's Office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners of Adjustment for the sum of $5,000, the same to be taken from the moneys collected under the adjustments made by said Commissioners and to be used to meet the current expenses of said Board.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $20,000 to transfer that amount from assessment account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of July, 1888. interest:

On General account	$20,000 00
On General account	20,000 00
On General account	25,730 00
On General account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	20,000 00
On General account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	22,805 00
On Water account	30,000 00
On Water account	27,315 00

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $50,000 to transfer that amount from Water account to General account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars on account of county tax for 1887.

By Mr. Warren:

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has requested that the veto message filed by him with this Board, June 7, 1888, be returned; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to return said veto message to his Honor the Mayor.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to furnish to this Board in writing his opinion as to the power of this Board to concur in the awarding of a contract in which the award is made to any bidder other than the lowest.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday June 28, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Henry R. Worthington asking that the resolution awarding to him the contract for the furnishing of a Worthington high duty engine complete with boilers, piping, foundations, etc., be acted on at once either favorably or otherwise, in order that they may be relieved of responsibility in the matter.

The following is a copy of the communication:

Hon. John Edelstein, President Board Finance and Taxation, Jersey City, N. J.:

DEAR SIR—We have your valued favor to which we take pleasure in replying. The proposition we made your city was for a Worthington High Duty Engine complete, with boilers, piping, foundations etc. In fact it was for a pumping plant complete, and this with all the refinements on the engine where by we were enabled to guarantee the very highest "Duty." The proposition for Newark was an engine of wholly different character, without boilers or the accessories thereto, or the extra outlay necessary to the best class of engine for economy in fuel.

We proposed for them what they wanted, and for you what the circumstances of the case fully justified your Board in adopting, but entirely different plants, charging each city about the same relative price.

We were the lowest bidders for a high duty engine; our bid including a boiler which was not in the other proposals. We guaranteed the highest economy, in fact offered to give more for less money than any competitor.

The contract was awarded us. We have waited patiently seven months, putting other work off, not venturing to promise too quick deliveries to anyone else, fearing we would be called upon for the engine, and now we ask in all fairness, that the same be ratified, or the whole thing called off, and we relieved of all responsibility in the matter.

Very truly yours,

HENRY R. WORTHINGTON,

Received and ordered filed.

The following communication was received from William Kearney in reference to the relative merits of the several pumping engines for which proposals have been received.

BELLEVILLE N. J., June 28th, 1888.

Mr. John Edelstein:

DEAR SIR—I promised you that I would write you these few private lines in relation to the merit of the different kind of pumping engines and those that I have charge of which are two Worthingtons and two Cornish Engines. The two Worthingtons are actual 10,000 millions gallons each every twenty-four hours. They have been in operation going on fifteen years, which I might say in actual duty for that number of years. Exception replacing rubber water valves, packing piston rods, etc., as for repairing the engine or the pump, I mean duplicating any of its parts. All the duplicating of any of its parts in that length of time was on No. 5 Engine, which was too low pressure pistons, it took ten days from the time the order was given until the pistons were in postion, ready for operation.

Now as for the Davis pump, I don't know anything about it, and I don't know anybody that does know. I never saw any cut or remarks from hydraulic engineers of its merrits, in the Scientific papers, as I am a general reader of those papers. But I have seen the Worthington generally advertised and spoken of by those papers. I will remark here that I saw an article in the New York World, written by Mr. Ruggles, Superintendent Engineer, that the Worthington pump would in three years pay for what they ask over the Davis pump, in the item of saving fuel, and I am perfectly confident that Chief Engineer Ruggles base those fixtures on facts, for he is fully aware if they were not facts he would get a tremendious scorching from the press, and I would say here that anyone that would seek my opinion for a durable, economical pump, I would say invest your money in the Worthington, from my experience.

Yours etc.,

WILLIAM KEARNEY.

Engineer in charge, Jersey City Water Works at Belleville, N. J.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Mary Smith for a declaration of sale.

Petition of I. I. Vanderbeek for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of William Schamner for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of C. Starry for return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessment.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of William Gorrill of $15.35 for ice delivered at City Hall during June, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen in reference to the granting of licenses at the minimum fee fixed by law.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel:

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN.—In response to your resolution of inquiry as to whether your Board can legally concur in awarding a contract to any other than the lowest bidder I respectfully advise you that you have the legal power so to do.

The one hundred and fifty-ninth section of the charter of 1871 enacts, "that no contract for work or materials shall be entered into, or purchase of personal property be made by, or on account of any Board or department of the city government, except after due advertisement for six days at least in the official newspapers; whereupon the contract shall be awarded to, or the purchase shall be made of, that responsible bidder who offers the terms most advantageous to the city." This is the law which controls the subject of your inquiry, also the power of the Board in awarding contracts in which your concurrence is by law made necessary, The condition of awarding the contract to "that responsible bidder who offers the terms most advantageous to the city," does not impose upon the Board awarding the contract the necessity of awarding it to the lowest bidder. If it had been the intention of the legislature that contracts in all

cases should be awarded to the lowest bidder, the law would have said so, in so many words, as so many municipal charters do. The language of our charter, above quoted, gives the Boards awarding contracts a discretion as to whom, or to what bidder the contract shall go; limiting that discretion, however, first as to the responsibility of the bidder, and secondly, as to the ascertainment of the fact that the terms offered are the "terms most advantageous to the city." The courts will not interfere with the fair and honest exercise of such discretion on the part of any of the Boards in awarding its contracts. It may and often does happen that the lowest bidder is a responsible bidder, and that he offers the "terms most advantageous to the city," in such case the Board is bound to award the contract accordingly; but in ascertaining the facts which would, in such case entitle the lowest bidder to the contract, the Board exercises its discretion just as much as it would in awarding a contract to the second lowest bidder upon a like ascertainment of facts. The bidder in all cases who establishes the fact that he is responsible, and that the terms he offers are those most advantageous to the city, is entitled under the law to the contract, without reference to the fact whether his bid is the lowest or highest. In determining the responsibility of the bidder and whether the terms offered are "most advantageous to the city," the Board must reach its conclusion by the adoption of practical methods of inquiry, and by the exercise of a sound and sober judgment, such as good business men would adopt in the management and conduct of their own private affairs. The reason for awarding a contract to another than the lowest bidder, should be real, practical and substantial, not merely theoretical or questionable, exercising the discretion which the law thus gives it, and within the limits above indicated any city board has the legal right to award contracts to others than the lowest bidder, and your Board has the legal right to concur in such awarded contracts.

Very respectfully,
JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

June 26, 1888.

The communication was received, ordered spread in full on the minutes and filed.

Estimates of appropriations required by the Board of Public Works for the fiscal year 1888-89.

Incidental expenses	$ 500
Public Buildings and Grounds	2,500
Salaries of Commissioners	3,000
Salary of Clerk	2,000
" " Assistant Clerk	1,500
" " Street Commissioner	2,000
" " Sewer Inspector	1,500
" " Assistant Sewer Inspector	1,000
Printing and Stationery	3,000
Engineering Bureau	16,000
Insurance on Public Buildings	1,000
Repairs to Public Schools	10,000
New School house (under act of Legislature)	40,000
Fire Proof Vault	5,000
Steps from Palisade to Hoboken avenue	3,000
New Engine house (under act of Legislature)	6,000
Cleaning and sweeping streets	16,000
Removing ashes and garbage	25,000
Cleaning sewers and receiving basins	20,000
Repairing, etc., unpaved streets	15,000
" paved streets	50,000
Reconstructing Montgomery street sewer	5,200
Reconstruction of Streets	34,442
" " paved with cobble stones	284,334
Reconstruction of sewers	66,360
Total	$614,326

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the following members present:

President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Ordering paid the sum of $850 to Mary Goldenhorn for property on Linden avenue, purchased for a new engine house.

2. Fixing the salary of foreman at pipe yard at $1,300 per annum.

3. Advertising for proposals for building engine house on Linden avenue.

4. Fixing salary of F. P. Woodcock as Permit Clerk at $1,000 per annum.

5. Awarding contract to Patrick Plunkett for the improvement of Summit avenue, from Sip avenue to Academy street.

6. Awarding to H. R. Worthington contract for a new pump at High Service.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The same committee reported non-concurring in the claim of Austin & Wilber of $65.30, for analysis of Passaic water for January, February and March, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report the recommendation of the committee was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, reported the salary list for the month of June, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The same committee reported the salary list for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation, for the three months ending June 30, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The same committee reported recommending that the warrants be ordered drawn in payment of the extra clerks for the month of June, 1888, as follows:

Stephen Egan, $70.

John McCutcheon, $70.

The same committee reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Charles S. Westervelt for the sum of $30, being for extra services itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment, for the month of June, 1888.

The same committee reported recommend-

ing that warrants be ordered drawn as follows:

$23.06 to Mrs. John Koehler, amount paid twice on water rents for 1888, No. 352 Fourth street, block 388.

$60 98 to Sarah S. Perry, amount paid twice on water rents of 1887, as follows: No. 220 Grand street, block 199, $23 08; Nos. 318-322 Henderson street, block 138, $37.90.

$16 to Ellen T. O'Brien, amount paid in error on water rents of 1888, on lot 81, block 168.

$418.66 to George E. Watson, amount paid twice on water rents for 1874, 1875, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1886, block 410, lots 29-30.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to notify the members of the Board of Education and the Board of Fire Commissioners to be present July 5, 1888, in relation to appropriations for the next fiscal year.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, June 29, 1888, at 5:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, June 29, 1888, at 5:30 o'clock p. m.

Present--President Edelstein and Mr. Warren.

Absent--Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

In the absence of a quorum, President Edelstein declared the Board adjourned to Saturday, June 30, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Saturday, June 30, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for cleaning the sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That the resolution adopted by this Board May 21, 1888, concurring in the resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract to Lawrence Cary for cleaning the sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, on resolution from the Board of Public Works, awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for cleaning the sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City, recommending that the same be concurred in.

The same committee reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works, authorizing the purchase of 1,000 lengths of cast iron water pipe, to replace old worn out water pipe, recommending that the same be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to call upon the proper officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for the purpose of having the necessary steps taken for the cleaning of that portion of the Second street sewer running under the track of the said company and that the Corporation Counsel be requested to act with said committee.

The President appointed Messrs. Warren and Jordan as such committee.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be borrowed from the Sinking Fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable December 20, 1888, with interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent., per annum, as the evidence of such indebtedness.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall, Saturday, June 30, 1888, at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of $200,000 be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners payable December 20, 1888, with interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent. per annum.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, July 5, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Wm. B. Van Vorst, John Keogh, Ann C. Hetherington and others, property owners along the line of Montgomery street between Jersey avenue and Colgate street, requesting the Board to make an appropriation to repave and improve said thoroughfare.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Petition of the Trustees of St. Peter's College for return of money paid twice on water rents.

Petition of Sarah Hogan for return of money paid twice on water rents.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Wills and Gordon, Attorneys, requesting payment of a judgment obtained in the Hudson Circuit Court in favor of Charles Wrege.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $259.75 for official printing and advertising.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing pay-roll of extra patrolmen for the month of June, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

1. Requesting an appropriation to reconstruct sewer in Montgomery street, from Cornelison avenue to Oyster Creek.

2. Requesting an appropriation of $1,200, for reconstruction of Manhattan avenue, from Tonnele to Summit avenue.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid $2,288.39 to Thomas Cogan for reconstruction of a brick sewer in Halladay street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Rescinding resolution ordering paid certain claims of William R. Cook.

2. Improvement of Astor place, from Summit avenue to Monticello avenue.

3. Authorizing the purchase of supplies

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

5. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1888, $1,734.49.

6. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, May, 1888, $1,810.61.

7. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, June, 1888, $1,811.52.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of B. J. Waters:

Resolved, That a warrant for $750.09 (final payment) be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of B. J. Waters for work on reconstruction of Montgomery street sewers.

On petition of Francis G. and Edward F. Emmons:

Resolved, That a warrant for $17.53 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Collins & Corbin, Attorneys, for Emmons & Co., being amount of judgment and costs in a suit wherein the said Emmons & Co. were plaintiffs, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants, the warrant to be delivered upon the filing of a proper satisfaction of said judgment.

On petition of James P. Hall:

Resolved, That a warrant for $546.85 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Spencer Weart, Attorney for James P. Hall being amount of judgment and costs in a suit wherein the said James P. Hall was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants, the warrant to be delivered upon the filing of a proper satisfaction of said judgment.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Construction of a main sewer in Greenville,

2. Construction of a main sewer in Lafayette.

3. Authorizing committee to advertise for proposals for 10,000 tons of coal from one of the following named mines: A. Pardee & Co's., Hazelton or Latimer; G. B. Linderman's, Sugar Loaf; Lehigh Valley Coal Co's., Packer Spring Mountain or Jeddo; Van Wickers Stout & Co., Fulton; G. B. Newton & Co's., Silver Brook.

4. Ordering paid claims of John A. Daumont, of $225 for salary as foreman for months of December, 1887, January and February 1888, at $75 per month.

6. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

7. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, repairing water pipe, September, 1887, $125.

8. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, March 1888, $631.50.

9. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, stableman, March 1888, $60.

10. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, February, 1888, $376.

11. Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, reconstruction of streets, March, 1888, $669.75.

12. Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, foreman and stablemen, March, 1888, $77.50.

13. Pay-roll, reconstruction, February, 1888, $481.

14. Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, unpaved streets, February, 1888, $36.

15. Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, reconstruction, December, 1888, $126,75.

The ayes and nays having been called on

each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of the Trustees of St. Peter's College:

Resolved, That a warrant for $22.80, be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Trustees of St. Peter's College being amount paid twice for water rents of 1888, on street Nos. 141 and 143 York street, block 134.

On petition of Sarah Hogan:

Resolved, That a warrant for $13.30 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Sarah Hogan, being amount paid twice for water rents of 1888, on lots 4, 5, block 134.

On petition of Summit avenue Baptist Church:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office, the sale made August 25, 1888, for unpaid taxes of 1880, on lots 4 and 5 block 586 Summit avenue, assessed to the First Baptist Church for the reason that said described property is owned by and used for Church purposes, and according to law, is exempt from taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan, and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the payment of the following claims:

$307.95, $128.25, $92.95, $24, $50, $56. $36, to the Jordan Stationery Company; $22.50 and $26.85 to the United Gas Improvement Co.; $15.25 and $15.25 to William Gorrill; $35.20 to the Jersey City Herald; $56 40 to the Evening Journal Association; $44 to Albert Datz.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Dr. L. J. Gordon, the sum of sixty dollars and place the same to the credit of pipe laying account, fiscal year, 1887.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to notify the members of the Board of Public Works and Board of Police Commissioners, to attend a meeting of this Board, Thursday July 12, 1888, in reference to the appropriations for the next fiscal year.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday July 12, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Datz was elected to act as president pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Resignation of Isaac W. Morrow as Clerk to the City Treasurer, to take effect July 16, 1888.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Peter Coleman to have taxes corrected.

Petition of J. McAvoy for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Hugh W. McKay for return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Bond of idemnity given by John G., John J. and Charles H. Sipperly in the sum of $210, for the reissuing of interest checks.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $5.16, for messenger service for the months of May and June, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of John A. Nugent of $60, for taking testimony in city cases.

Claim of John Linn of $100, being one half referee's fees allowed by the court in the case of Zeugner vs. the Mayor, etc.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from his honor the Mayor;

JERSEY CITY, July 9, 1888.

To the Hon Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—The resolution of the Board of Public Works to advertise for 10,000 tons of coal from special collieries named, and concurred in by your Board, is returned with objections and without signing.

The object of the charter requirement that such purchase shall be made by contract, after due advertisement, etc., is plainly in order that there may be competition and so enable the city to buy at the lowest market price, but this resolution is cunningly drawn so that practically there will be no competition. I will take up the collieries named from which bids will be accepted in the order of the resolution. The size of coal wanted is not named, but it is pretty well understood that it is egg or broken, but the size ought to be named for any fair bidding. The first two collieries named are Hazleton and Latimer, of A. Pardee & Co. It seems to me a well known fact that these two are both out of the question, because the quantity could not be had from them before winter, and in any case it is known that the price is too high.

The next is the "Sugar Loaf" of G. B. Linderman, and I believe it to be known that this is beyond possibility for the same reason

The next, is Lehigh Valley Coal Co., curiously enough placed exactly in the middle of the five lines of specifications. It is plain to any man familiar with the business that this is the coal that is to be taken. To use a police phrase the "job is put up" for this coal, all other coals that would compete with it being carefully and purposely excluded from bidding.

The next is the Fulton mine, from which it is well known no bid can come. Next and last is Silver Brook, a high priced coal that it is known cannot be had at the price of the Lehigh Valley Company coal. To make it all sound well, three mines are named belonging to the Lehigh Co., among them the Jeddo, that is higher price than the mine known as Packer, and of course out of the question, but the quantity could not be had from it in any event, and that is the reason it is inserted. We are to be amused and entertained by the number of mines from which bids are to be received, or asked, while only one can by any possibility compete in price with other coals just as good in the market, while all of the competing coal are carefully excluded.

I have known the Board to go through the farce of advertising for Packer No. 1, Packer No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 to amuse the public, intending to accept coal from either of the shafts from the same bidder.

Amongst the coal excluded are the Beaver Brook, Hazel Brook Springdale and others as good, and these are known at the water works at Belleville. More might be said. It is a plain "job," and I cannot sign it.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND,
Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from his Honor, the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, July 9, 1888.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—The resolution presented to me July 3d concurring in a resolution passed by the Board of Public Works to advertise for proposals for 10,000 tons of coal is returned without approval for the reason first, that no specifications are given and there are so many kinds of coal good and bad at widely different prices that I could not sign so vague a resolution in so important a matter, and secondly because another resolution has just reached me for the same purpose but with partial specifications.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND,
Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, July 9, 1888.

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

"Your resolution concurring in the payment of certain pay-rolls, is herewith returned without signature.

I have no faith in their being correct. If the one for repairing water pipe in September last was known to be correct the Board of Works would not have left it till April 18, 1888, before ordering it paid. The one for laying water pipe in March last I have no faith in at all.

The next is for blowing off hydrants in February last, and I will leave that to your own common sense. Could or would any hydrants have been blown off in that month?

Not many, and yet there were eight men and a foreman who pretended to have been very busy at it. Reconstruction of streets in March, $665.75. During the blizzard!

I cannot point out the frauds in these pay-rolls, but somebody can.

Yours respectfully,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, July 12, 1888.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—A resolution concurring in the purchase of a Worthington steam pump for high service is hereby returned with objection. The subject has been under discussion so long that I have abandoned my intention of going into a full and detailed explanation of the reasons for withholding my signature, because there is no member of your body at all familiar with the subject. But if you have determined that you desire a Worthington in preference to any other, then I beg of you in the interest of the city treasury, that your Board was created to guard, not to concur, in the present purchase at the enormous figure named, but to inform the Board of Public Works that if they will abandon the present scheme to rob the city treasury of about $8,000 and will offer the Worthington Company a fair price for a similar pump you will concur. If that be done that company will furnish the pump and be glad of the chance. There can be no possible excuse for Jersey City to pay about $8 000 more for a pump of the capacity of 5,000,000 gallons in each twenty-four hours to Worthington, than that company has offered to furnish and has furnished to other cities the same pump for. Our treasury is not in a condition to warrant any such liberality at this time.

Yours respectfully,

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, July 9, 1888.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—The resolution to pay $600 for coal saving appliances put on the boilers last December is returned with objections.

I am morally certain that I have never signed and that your Board has never adopted any resolution authorizing any such purchases to be made.

"ORESTES CLEVELAND."

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, July 12, 1888.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLMEN—The resolution to pay John A. Daumont, as foreman over men on unpaved streets during the months of December, January and February last, is herewith returned without my signature.

There was no work done on unpaved streets in those months requiring any such foreman.

ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Communication from the Board of Fire Commissioners enclosing a communication from T. J. Stewart in reference to truck house on Erie street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to John Fox for furnishing and delivering 1,000 lengths of cast iron pipe.
2. Purchase of supplies.
3. Purchase of a horse at a cost not to exceed $250, for use at High Service Pumping Station.
4. Improvement of Chestnut avenue, from Newark avenue to Pennsylvania Railroad Cut.
5. Ordering paid certain claims.
6. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1888, $3,139.80.
7. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, May, 1888, $3,030.86.
8. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, April, 1888, $598 37.
9. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, May, 1888, laying pipe, $825.
10. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, May, 1888, Foreman, etc., $598.33.
11. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, May, 1888, repairing pipe, $613.49.
12. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, June, 1888, Foreman, etc., $592.30.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported as follows:

On resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid claim of Thomas Cogan, for reconstructing sewer in Halladay street.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Cogan for the sum of $2,288.39, being final payment on account of contract No. 439 for the reconstruction of about 450 feet of 24-inch brick sewer in Halladay street, between Johnston avenue and Maple street, the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board, fiscal year 1887-88.

The same committee reported on payment of judgment and cost in case of Charles Wrege vs. The Mayor, &c.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Wills & Gordon, attorneys for Charles Wrege, for the sum of $861.75, being amount of judgment and cost obtained against the city by Charles Wrege.

On claim of John Linn for one-half of referee's fees.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Linn for the sum of $100, being one-half of referee's fees allowed by the Court in the case of August Zeugner vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Improvement of Astor place, from Summit to Monticello avenues.
2. Construction of a 24-inch brick sewer in Old Bergen Road.

3. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1888, $1,734.49.

4. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, May, 1888, $1,810.61.

5. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, June, 1888, $1,811.52.

6. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported that they have recommended the transfer of a clerk from the office of the City Collector to the office of the City Treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Isaac Morrow, clerk to the Treasurer, for the reason that the appropriation for salaries at its present figures will be totally exhausted at the expiration of the fiscal year, so that if a new clerk was employed one of the old clerks would have to be dismissed in order to keep within the appropriation for the balance of the year.

The report was received and ordered filed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That William Ely, be and he is hereby transferred from the Collector's office to the office of the City Treasurer in place of Isaac Morrow, resigned, at a salary of $1,500 per annum, term of office to begin July 16th, 1888, and to continue at the pleasure of this Board.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board, November 10, 1887, to wit:

Resolved, That when in the opinion of the President of this Board it becomes necessary to transfer a Clerk from the Collector's office to another department of the City Government that he shall have power to make such transfer, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the bond of William Ely, as Clerk to the City Treasurer, be and is hereby fixed at $50,000.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Alderman be invited to meet with this Board on Thursday evening, July 19, 1888, in reference to the appropriations asked for by that Board for the coming fiscal year.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Assessors of the several districts be notified to met with this Board Thursday, July 19, 1888, at 5 o'clock p. m.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and are hereby tendered to Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to the City Treasurer for the faithful performance of his duties during the many years in which he has been in the service of the Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, July 26, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the Clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as Clerk, pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the J. F. O'Melia Association to attend their first annual picnic Wednesday August 8, 1888.

Received and accepted.

Petition of the New Jersey Staats Zeitung to be designated as an official newspaper.

Received and referred to the Corporation Council.

Petition of Emmons & Co., for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of William Dudley for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of J. L. Piclo for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Thomas Vondy for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of D. H. Gregory to have taxes corrected.

Petition of Edward Bronson for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Judge S. W. Stilsing, Horace H. Farrier, Elward T. McLaughlin and others asking the Board to raise the street in Cooper place and grade the same.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Bond of idemnity of Anson Hubble, Daniel B. Hatch and Charles B. Foote, requesting that a duplicate bond be issued for one lost or mislaid.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $102 for Assessor's maps and printing.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $21.34 for messenger service in Mayor's office.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $19.05 for gas consumed in City Hall during June, 1888.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation and City Comptroller.

Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Official bond of William Ely as Clerk to the City Treasurer in the sum of $50,000, with Rebecca Ely, John Wheelihan and John H. Heve as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from July 20 to 26, 1888, both days included to be $43,562.53.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor, withdrawing the names of Messrs. E. E. Datz, Patrick Sheeran and John Craven as commissioners for the building of a new City Hall and Armory.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor, endosing a communication from the Davidson Pump Co. in reference to a new pumping engine.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $3,000 to repair the streets of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $150 from account of public buildings and grounds to account of repairs to public school buildings.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation sufficient to construct a roadway under the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad at some convenient point between James street and Charlotte avenue.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported as follows:

On resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation to repair streets:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $3,000, for the purpose of repairing the streets of Jersey City, said amount to be taken from the General Fund and placed in the next tax levy.

On claim of R. S. Hudspeth, Corporation Attorney:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of R. S. Hudspeth for the sum of $328.55, being amount of disbursements as Corporation Attorney, from July 23, 1887, to July 6, 1888, said amount to be charged to account of claims, legal expenses and judgments, fiscal year, 1887 and 1888.

On petition of John J. and John G. Sipperly:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to issue duplicates of interest requisitions dated December 30, 1887, as follows: $70 in favor of John J. Sipperly and $35 in favor of John G. Sipperly, said original warrants having been lost in the mail and a proper bond of indemnity approved by the Corporation Counsel having been filed with this Board.

On resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $3,500 to reconstruct the old sewer and building a 24-inch iron pipe sewer in Montgomery street.

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $3,500 for the reconstruction of the old sewer and building a 24-inch iron pipe sewer in Montgomery street from Cornelison avenue to Oyster Creek, said sum to be taken from the General Fund and placed in the next tax levy.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of July, 1888, recommending that

warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of His Honor the Mayor on the resolution from the Board of Public Works to advertise for proposals for 10,000 tons of coal be taken from the table and the clerk directed to read the same.

The clerk having read the veto Mr. Warren moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the motion, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—None.

Nays—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his Honor the Mayor on the resolution from the Board of Public Works, authorizing the Committee to advertise for proposals for 10,000 tons of coal from special collieries named in the resolution, be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same

The Clerk having read the veto, Mr. Warren moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his Honor the Mayor on the resolution from the Board of Publice Works ordering paid the claim of the New Jersey Coal Saving Company be taken from the table and the Clerk be directed to read the same.

The Clerk having read the veto, Mr. Warren moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenburgh.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, that the veto of his Honor, the Mayor, on resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid claims of John A. Daumont for services as foreman for the months of January, February and March, 1888, be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

The Clerk having read the veto, Mr. Warren moved, that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor, the Mayor.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above motion it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Nay—President Edelstein.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his Honor the Mayor on the resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract to H. R. Worthington for a pump at High Service pumping station to be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

The Clerk having read the veto, Mr. Warren moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was lost by the following votes:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Nay—President Edelstein.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his Honor the Mayor, on the pay-roll resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works to wit:

Extensions and Distributions, September, 1887, repairing water pipe, $125.

Streets and Sewers, repairing streets, December, 1887, $126.75.

Streets and Sewers, reconstruction, February, 1888, $481.

Streets and Sewers, repairing unpaved streets, February, 1888, $36.

Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, February, 1888, $376

Extensions and Distributions, laying water pipe, March, 1888, $631 50.

Streets and Sewers, reconstruction, March, 1888, $669 75.

Be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the veto.

The Clerk having read the veto Mr. Warren moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nayes having been called on the above motion, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Nay—President Edelstein.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, on account of county tax for the year 1887.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, for the sum of forty thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from water account to general account, to return part of loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of August, 1888, interest account:

On general account	$20,590
On general account	20,000
On water account	14,625

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the petition of Peter Coleman for cancellation of the taxes levied and assessed against lots Nos. 1 and 2 in block 1471, Ocean avenue, for the years 1885, 1886 and 1887, be allowed, and the City Collector is hereby directed to cancel upon the books in his office the taxes assessed against lots 1 and 2, block 1471, Ocean avenue, viz:

Taxes of 1885	$87 60
Taxes of 1886	88 20
Taxes of 1887	115 20

The same having been irregularly laid and assessed against said lots as improved property when it appears they are vacant lots, and in lieu of such taxes so cancelled thereby laid and assessed against said lots the following taxes, viz.:

Taxes of 1885.....$8 76
Taxes of 1886..... 8 82
Taxes of 1887..... 8 82

The Assessor for the Sixth Aldermanic District by mistake assessed such taxes against the adjoining lots 3 and 4, in said block 1471.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William Ely for the sum of $70.83, being for 17 days' services as clerk to the City Treasurer, during the month of July, 1888.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in payment of salaries of the extra clerks for the month of July, when due, viz.:

Stephen Egan.....$70
John McCutcheon..... 70

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for the sum of $30, being for services in itemizing the reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment for July, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Herdenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk pro tem.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, July 30, 1888, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The following report was received from the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the estimates and recommendations from all the Boards of Jersey City, including the appropriations from this Board, most respectfully report and recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City, during the present current year for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1888 and ending November 30, 1889, be fixed at one million, four hundred and eighty-nine thousand, six hundred and thirty-six dollars and forty-nine cents ($1,489,636.49) as the appropriation and limit of expenditure for the purposes of the several Boards (except where, by law, it may be otherwise provided) the above amount, together with the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes, and the money to be paid to Jersey City under the act entitled, "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, the committee recommend distributed among the several Boards, in the following manner, as the limit of the expenditure of said Boards for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, viz:

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Public Works, as follows:

For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the streets and removing garbage of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1, 1888, (this appropriation is made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done or materials furnished, unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specification to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation), including salary of Street Commissioner.....	$2,083 33
For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the sewers and receiving basins of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1, 1888, (this appropriation is made for payments under such contract or contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done, or materials to be furnished, unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation), including salary of Sewer Inspector.....	666 66
Public grounds and buildings....	20 83
Salaries—Commissioners, $8,000; clerk, $1,500; assistant, $1,200..	475 00
Printing and stationery.....	62 50
Engineering Bureau.....	666 66
Repairs to unpaved streets.....	625 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Insurance.....	$ 600 00
Repairs to public school buildings	2,000 00

Making the total for said Board of Public Works, during the said ensuing fiscal year, fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and seventy-six cents, ($57,799.76).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Aldermen, as follows:

Out door poor.....	$ 666 66
Printing, stationery and supplies	125 00
Rent of armories and supplies....	375 00
Salaries.....	541 66
Public grounds and buildings....	125 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Decoration Day.....	200 00
Elections.....	11,000 00
District Courts.....	10,350 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Aldermen, during the ensuing fiscal year, forty-three thousand five hundred and forty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents, ($43,549.84).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Police Commissioners, as follows:

Salaries (including Park police)..	$17,929 16
Station houses and prisons.....	750 00
Lamps and lights.....	5,000 00
Electric lights.....	833 33
Hospitals and dispensaries.....	1,000 00
Printing and stationery.....	41 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Pensions.....	$8,606 00
Police Justices.....	5,000 00
Rentals.....	1,890 00
City Board of Health.....	1,500 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Police Commissioners for the ensuing fiscal year, three hundred and twenty-three thousand, six hundred and forty five dollars and eighty cents. ($323,645.80.)

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Fire Commissioners as follows:

Salaries.....	$6,887 50
Claims.....	1,500 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sum in gross:

Hose.....	1,500 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Fire Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year, one hundred and two thousand, one hundred and fifty dollars ($102,150).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Education, as follows:

Teachers' salaries and fuel.....	$19,682 03
Salaries, superintendent and clerks.....	416 66

Salaries, janitors	1,333 33
Books, stationery, music and free library	666 66
Rentals	100 00
Furniture, repairs, gas, heating and ventilating	416 66
Printing and blanks	83 33
Janitor's supplies	83 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Census	$2,500 00
Annual report	300 00

Making the total amount to to expended by said Board of Education during the said ensuing fiscal year two hundred and seventy-six thousand one hundred and eighty-four dollars ($276,184.)

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately, for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as follows:

Salaries	$5,490 77
Printing, stationery and supplies	416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Claims, legal expenses and judgments	$5,000 00
Contingent Fund	8,000 00
For interest and sinking funds, including $191,757 88 for sinking fund under act of 1884, to be used exclusively for the purchase and retirement of bonds, and in addition to the amount to be received by the city under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, (estimated at $191,757.88)	809.535 00
Final payment Greenville school	8,333 33
Deficiencies police salaries, 1886-7	1,998 01
Deficiencies fire salaries, 1886-7.	7,261 03
Hospital bond	2,000 00
Ballot boxes purchased	1,625 00
Montgomery street sewer	3,500 00
Repairs to streets	3,000 00
Payment new engine house and interest	1,350 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Finance and Taxation during the said ensuing fiscal year nine hundred and twenty-two thousand, four hundred and ninety-one dollars, and fifty-three cents ($922 491.53).

Recapitulation of the aggregate of yearly expenditures:

Board of Public Works	$ 57,799 76
Board of Aldermen	43,549 84
Board of Police Commissioners	333,645 80
Board of Fire Commissioners	102,150 00
Board of Education	276,184 00
Board of Finance and claims	922,491 53
Total	$1,725,820 93
Less amount to be received from the State for schools	236,184.44
Total	$1,489,636 49

Your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as to the appropriations of the several Boards and the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the current year for the purposes of the several Boards of the city government for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1888, and ending November 30, 1889, be and the same are hereby received and adopted, and in conformity therewith the Board of Finance and Taxation, having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards, do hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present year for the purposes of the said Boards for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1888, and ending November 30, 1889, both days included, at the sum of one million four hundred and eighty-nine thousand, six hundred and thirty-six dollars and forty-nine cents ($1,489,636 49) and that sum together with the amount to be paid by the State to Jersey City for schools, and together with the amount to be paid to Jersey City under the provisions of an act entitled, "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, is hereby distributed among the several Boards in the amounts as recommended by the said Committee of the Whole and the amounts thus fixed shall be the appropriations and limit of expenditure for the said purposes during the said ensuing fiscal year.

JOHN EDELSTEIN.
T. D. JORDAN,
E. E. DATZ,
JOSEPH WARREN.
} Committee of the Whole.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received, and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, Augnst 7, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as clerk pro tem.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing the pay-roll for the month of July, 1888, of the fifteen additional men appointed under an act of the Legislature.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Requesting an appropriation sufficient to change the grade of and to repair Cooper place.

2. Awarding contract to George B. Lockwood for plumbing work in Public School No. 22 at $4,640

3. Awarding contract to Thomas Kelly for building fire engine house on Linden avenue at $5 150.

4. Awarding contract to John McArthur for building fire engine house in South street, at $5.769.

5. Awarding contract for carpenter work on School No. 22 to. W. H. and T. W, Cane, at $14,820.

6. Awarding contract to Thomas Kelly for all mason work on Public School No. 22, at $12,400.

7. Awarding contract to Thomas J. McKenna for 75 lengths of iron pipe.

8. Awarding to P. J. Condon contract for the reconstruction of part of sewer in Wayne street.

9. Improvement of Morris street from Washington to Greene street.

10. Requesting permission to repair Morgan street dock, the cost not to exceed $2,000.

11. Two resolutions ordering supplies.

12. Claim of Charles Maxwell as Inspector on water gates.

13. Claim of John J. Daly for services as foreman cleaning sewers.

14. Improvement of Hutton street from Central avenue to 150 feet west of Summit avenue.

15. Construction of a sewer in Linden avenue from a point 100 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue.

16 Ordering paid claim of Thomas Cavanagh of $478 for furnishing stone and laying wall on Bowers street, between Palisade avenue and Ogden avenue.

17. Seven pay-rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments

18. Two pay-rolls of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions.

19. Pay-roll Streets and Sewers, July, 1888.

20. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Two resolutions ordering the purchase of supplies.

2. Advertising for proposals for the erection at High Service Pumping Station of a 5,000,000-gallon pumping engine.

3. Authorizing the repair of the water main over the Hackensack river.

4. Awarding contract to John Fox for furnishing and delivering of 1,000 lengths of cast iron pipe.

5. Improvement of Chestnut avenue from Newark avenue to Pennsylvania Railroad cut.

6. Awarding contract to John Coyle for furnishing and delivering at the pumping station coal at $4.60 per gross ton.

7. Improvement of Mercer street from Barrow to Grove street.

8. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments for July, 1888, as corrected, dropping names of Charles Freeman, Thomas Trotter and Arthur J. O'Brien.

9. Pay-rolls Committee on Extensions and Distributions for April, May and June, 1888.

10. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, June, 1888, $3,180.73.

11. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, Patrick Long, April, 1888, $50.

12. Pay-roll Extension and Distributions, March, 1888, $598 33

13. Ordering paid $49 81 to Fox & Dummond.

14. Ordering paid certain claims.

15 Ordering paid pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, April, 1888, $3,139.80.

16. Ordering paid pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, May, 1888, $3,030.86.

17. Ordering paid pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, April, 1888, $598.33.

18. Ordering paid pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, June, 1888, $592.30.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The same committee reported non-concurring in the following resolutions for reasons as given

1. Pay-roll, Committee on Extension and and Distributions, June, 1888, for the reason that the affidavit of the foreman is not attached to the pay-roll,

2. Two claims of the Evening Journal, one for $5.50, the other for $12.50, for the reason that they are only signed by one member of the committee.

3. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants. July, 1888, $390.

4. Pay-rolls. John Mathew, for April, May and June, 1888; John Sherry, April, May and June, 1888, and John Rudolph, for April, 1888, for the reason that the parties named should be placed on the regular pay-rolls.

5. Fixing the salary of Inspector on Water Gates at $75 per month.

6. Non-concurring in the following claims:

Six claims of William J. McGowan for carpenter work at High Service.

Five claims of Michael Kelly for painting at Belleville.

Matthew Mascell for services as general workman at Belleville.

Thomas Mackin for services as laborer at High Service.

For the reason that all the above named parties should be placed on the regular pay-rolls.

7. Increasing the salary of A. F. Smith as storekeeper at pipe yard.

8. Claim of Patrick Hyland, for the reason that no affidavit is attached.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the recommendations of the committee adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Mr. Datz asked to be excused.

The President granted him permission.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following pay-rolls be returned to the Board of Public Works for the necessary affidavits to be attached, viz.:

Extensions and Distributions, May, 1888, $825.

Extensions and Distributions, May, 1888, $613.49.

Extensions and Distributions, June, 1888, $827.50.

Extensions and Distributions, March, 1888, $1,899.

Streets and Sewers, April, 1888, $90.

The same committee reported that all claims for supplies now in the hands of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions, and having no affidavit attached be returned for the necessary affidavit.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of five thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when the Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, August 9th, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk pro tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Thursday, August 9, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Mr. Jordan.

Absent—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenburgh and Warren.

In the absence of a quorum Mr. Jordan declared the Board adjourned to meet Friday, August 24, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk pro tem.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday August 24th, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Warren.

In the absence of the Clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as Clerk pro tem.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from August 17th to August 23rd to be $33,290.21.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel in reference to the purchase of property and the construction thereon of a building to be used for engine house purposes advising that the Board borrow the amount necessary and place the same in the next subsequent tax levies.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel in reference to the repairs of the dock on the Hackensack River, stating that the amount necessary for the payment for such repairs can be taken from the amount appropriated for the next fiscal year, and recommending that such course be adopted.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works:

JERSEY CITY, Aug. 22, 1888.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Board of Public Works held on the 20th day of August, 1888, the enclosed communications of your Board were presented and ordered returned for explanation, why names have been dropped from resolution ordering paid salaries of Registrar, etc., for July, 1888, and for what reason the pay-roll of person distributing waters bills was nonconcurred in; as to John Sherry and John Mathews their names have always appeared on separate pay-rolls or resolutions, being the only employees of the Board at the stables.

Yours truly,
MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $100 from Public Buildings and Grounds, and $600 from Printing and Stationery, to the account of Salaries of Commissioners, &c.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, &c., during April, 1888, amounting to $198.

2. Repairs to Morgan street dock at a cost not to exceed $500.

3. Authorizing the purchase of a horse not to exceed $275 for use at pipe yard.

4. Ordering paid $40 to Martin Collins for 20 days service as laborer.

5. Authorizing the purchase of supplies.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid claims of Michael Daly for coal.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Warren.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of August, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Warren.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of September, 1888, interest account

On general account	$5,600.00
On general account to pay interest on assessment account	1,592.50
On water account	19,145.00

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $20,000 on account of county tax for 1887.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of $450 be appropriated by this Board for the purpose of repairing and making secure engine house on Erie street, said amount to be taken from the Contingent Fund of this Board fiscal year, 1887 and 1888. The work to be done under the supervision of W. W. Ruggles, Chief Engineer.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That under the provisions of an act entitled an act authorizing cities to purchase lands and to erect buildings thereon for Fire Department purposes within the limits of townships heretofore annexed to cities and to provide for the payment thereof, approved February 13th 1888, the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars ($7,000) for the purpose of purchasing a plot and construction of a building for Fire Department purposes and that bonds be issued for said amount with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum and payable in seven years from the date of said bonds.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of extra clerks for the month of August, 1888, when due, viz:

Stephen Egan	$70
John McCutcheon	$70

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for the sum of $30 being for services in itemizing reports of the Commissionerers of Adjustment for the month of August, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Warren.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, September 13th, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk. pro tem.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall Friday, August 24, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Warren.

In the absence of the Clerk John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as Clerk pro tempore.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) be loaned from the Sinking Fund of 1873, to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City upon a temporary loan bond issued for the sum of seven thousand dollars, payable in seven years with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation adopted August 24, 1888, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to authorize cities to purchase land and to erect buildings thereon for fire department purposes within the limits of townships heretofore annexed to cities, and to provide for the payment thereof," approved February 13, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Warren.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk pro tem.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 13, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present--Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent--President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Hardenbergh.

In the absence of a quorum, the Clerk declared the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Davidson & Co., in relation to pump at High Service.

Received and referred to Commissioner Warren.

Communication from Wood & Menagh, in relation to claim.

Received and referred to Commissioner Warren.

Petition from property owners, in relation to Jackson and Communipaw avenue sewers.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Charles Stivers, asking for the payment of a judgment.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of Russ & Heppenheimer, for cancellation of a tax sale.

Received and referred to Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Robt. M. Petrie, for relief in matter of taxes paid twice.

Received and referred to Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Jordan Stationery Co., $38, $7.50, $88, $32.50 for stationery furnished to offices in City Hall.

Claims of N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., $25.15, $44.50, telephone service.

Claims of United Gas Improvement Co., $14.55, $16.35, gas in City Hall.

Claims of Wm. Gorrill, $15.25, $15.25, ice furnished City Hall.

Claim of Wood & Menagh, $318 25, shovels, etc.

Claim of Argus Printing Co., $236.75, printing.

Claim of Knobloch Bros., $25 50, shovels, etc.

Claim of A. Freytag, $16, repairs to desks.

Claims of Charles H. Scott, $17, repairs.

Claim of W. A. Boyd, $50, city directories.

Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Petition of Thomas Cavanagh for payment of a judgment.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Counsel.

To the Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of the petition of the New Jersey Staats Zeitung, asking to be designated as an official paper. I respectfully advise you that there is no money in the appropriation for that purpose, and I know of no way of increasing the appropriation, or procuring money otherwise, for the employment of another newspaper.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

The Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from September 6th to 12th, both days included, to be $14,938.35.

Received and ordered filed.

F. J. Mersheimer, agent for the collection of arrears of personal taxes, reported having paid over to the City Collector, the sum of $1,690.38.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Collector reported having received for collection the following assessment maps:

Sewer, Railroad avenue, Varick to Monmouth, amounting to $929.96.

Sewer, Ocean and Pearsall avenue to Avenue E, amounting to $3,530.50.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Collector reported having received from Denis McLaughlin, County Clerk, reports Nos. 20 and 22 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from Board of Police Commissioners, enclosing pay-roll of extra men for month of August, 1888.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from Board of Education asking for a transfer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution of the Board of Aldermen asking for an appropriation to be used in removing dead trees.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The official bond of W. P. Looney as constable.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding to P. J. Condon the contract for laying pipe on Montgomery street.
2. For change of grade of Montgomery street, Bergen avenue to West Side avenue.
3. Ordering paid $30 to M. Kelly, as foreman, month of June, 1888.
4. Authorizing purchase of wagon for pipe yard.
5. Increasing pay of coal passers, $5 per month.
6. Awarding to H. R. Worthington contract for pump at High Service.
7. Authorizing purchase of supplies.
8. Asking for an appropriation of $3,000 to repair certain streets.
9. Ordering paid certain claims.
10. Ordering paid certain claims.
11. Ordering paid certain claims.
12. Ordering paid certain claims.
13. Ordering paid certain claims.
14. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, July, 1888, $3,181.59.
15. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservoirs, Belleville and High Service, August, 1888, $3,178.29.
16. Extensions and Distributions, foremen, etc., July, 1888, $613.33.
17. Extensions and Distributions, foremen, etc., August, 1888, $613.33.
18. Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, August, 1888, $3,082.25.
19. Extensions and Distributions, repairing, pipe, August, 1888, $1,143.75.
20. Streets and Sewers, labor on unpaved streets, July, 1888, $64.
21. Streets and Sewers, labor on unpaved streets, August, 1888, $270.
22. Streets and Sewers, labor on unpaved streets, August, 1888, $312.
23. Streets and Sewers, labor on paved streets, August, 1888, $1,069.82.
24. Water Rates and Assessments, Registrar, etc., August, 1888, $1,989.38.
25. Water Rates and Assessments, repairs to water gates, June, 1888, $66.

26. Water Rates and Assessments, repairs to water gates, July, 1888, $372.

27. Water Rates and Assessments, repairs to water gates, August, 1888, $551.

28. Water Rates and Assessments, foreman, etc., August, 1888, $137.50.

29. Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, August, 1888, $731.33.

On motion the Board took a recess of ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled, the following members present:

Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was, on motion of Mr. Warren, elected as president pro tem.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported the following resolutions, recommending that they be adopted:

1. Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $150 from the account of public buildings and grounds, to account of repairs to public schools, Board of Public Works, fiscal year, 1887-8.

2. Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $3,000, to be used in making repairs to certain streets paved with cobble stones; the said expenditure to be charged to the general account and placed in the tax levy of fiscal year, 1889-90.

3. Resolved, That a warrant for $1,500 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favar of Thomas Cavanagh, on account of a certain judgment secured by said Cavanagh in the Supreme Court, and charged to account of claims, legal expenses and judgments.

4. Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to issue a duplicate Jersey City bond, known as improvement bond No. 1711, for $1,000, dated March 23, 1886, and due June 1, 1894, in favor of Anson Hubbell, said original bond having been lost or accidentally destroyed, a proper and sufficient bond of indemnity, approved by the Corporation Counsel, having been filed with this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The same committee reported correct the official bond of Wm. F. Ely, clerk to City Treasurer, in the sum of $50,000, with Rebecca Ely, John Wheelihan and John H. Heye, as sureties, recommending that it be spread in full upon the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called, the recommendation of the committee was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. For change of grade of Montgomery street, Bergen to West Side avenue.

2 For the improvement of Morris street, Washington to Greene.

3. Awarding to Thos. Kelly, contract for engine house on Linden avenue.

4. Awarding to John McArthur, contract for engine house on South street.

5. Awarding to P. J. Condon, contract for reconstruction of part of sewer in Wayne street.

6 Awarding to John M. Shannon contract for improvement of Hutton street, Central avenue to 150 feet west of Summit avenue.

7. Awarding to T. J. McKenna contract for cast iron pipe.

8. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations of the committee were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1, Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct the assessment made for taxes of 1887, against lot 8, block 519, by making it a vacant lot and reducing the valuation to $500.

Resolved, That a warrant for $28 80 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Sophia Wilson, being amount paid in error on lot 8, block 519, for taxes of 1887.

2. Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel upon the books in his office the assessments for taxes of 1887 against lots 6, 7, block 359, amounting to $77.75, said property being church property and therefore exempt from taxation.

3 Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the following named persons, to refund money paid in error for water rents of 1888, to wit:

C. Story, $4, lots 17, 18, 15, 16, block 404, Brunswick street.

Susan Dietring, $10 45, street No. 125, Forrest.

J. McAvoy, $5, house No. 324 Montgomery street.

T. D. Vondy, $15.45, No. 350 Fairmount avenue.

J. Lo Picio, $38.25, No. 813 Congress street.

Wm. Dudley, $10, No. 188½ Ninth street.

4 Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the following named persons to refund money paid in error for water rents of 1887, to wit:

Geo. Ehret, $27.67, No. 300 Fourth street.

I. I. Vanderbeek, $18, No. 282 Eleventh street and No. 206 Coles street.

M. Schenemer, $5, lot 53, block 788.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein, Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, September 20th, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk.

Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from City Collector, reporting receipt of assessment map for sewer in Paterson street, Passaic to Pearce, amounting to $3,005.

The City Comptroller reported total receipts of City Treasury, September 13 to 19, 1888, both days included to be $35,739.78.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. For improvement of Zabriskie street, Nelson avenue to Western avenue.

2. For construction of a sewer in Neptune avenue, from sixty feet south of Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue.

3. Awarding to Charles O'Neill contract for construction of a sewer in Sherman avenue, North street to South street.

4. For purchase of supplies.

5. Ordering paid claim of John Campbell for $60.

6. For the improvement of Terrace avenue, from the northerly side of Reserve avenue to the southerly side of Lincoln street.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, as follows, to be charged to the contingent fund of this Board:

$85 to Hall Safe and Lock Co., opening and repairing safe.

$5 50 to David Black, painting and lettering safe.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $100 from the account of public grounds and buildings, and $600 from the account of printing and stationery, both to the account of salaries, Board of Public Works fiscal year, 1887-8.

The ayes and nays being called upon each of the resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

2 Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Streets and Sewers, unpaved streets, April 1888, $90.

Streets and Sewers, unpaved streets, July 1888, $123.

Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipe, May 1888, $613.49.

Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, May 1888, $825.

Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipe, June 1888, $827.50.

Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipe, July 1888, $1,165.

Extensions and Distributions, Foremen etc., May 1888, $598.33.

Water Rates and Assessments, John Sherry July 1888, $60.

Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, April 1888, $198.

Water Rates and Assessments, John Matthews, July 1888, $77.50.

Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, July 1888, $639.33.

Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, June 1888, $100.

Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, April 1888, $223 95.

Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, May 1888. $560.

Water Rates and Assessments, blowing off hydrants, June 1888, $343.33.

Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, July 1888, $1,281.

Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, June 1888, $390.

3. Resolved, That the pay-roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works September 4, 1888, ordering paid the pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, Registrar etc., for the month of August, 1888, amounting to $1,494.33 (after dropping the names of the following persons to wit: Charles Freeman, Charles Conway, T. J. Cox, Wm. McCarthy, Thomas Mack and Martin Collins for the following reasons to wit: the salaries of Charles Conway, T. J. Cox, Wm. McCarthy and Thomas Mack have been increased, and as to Charles Freeman, your committee do not believe he performed any services; as to Martin Collins, your committee do not know the nature of the service performed by him, as he has been lately appointed), be and is hereby concurred in

4. Non-concurring in the resolution for the purchase of a horse for use at High Service.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the resolutions they were adoped by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Board of Police Commissioners be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred and seventy-five dollars in building a city dock on the Hackensack River, said sum to be taken from general account and placed in the tax levy of 1889-90.

By Mr. Warre :

Resolved, That the Board of Police Commissioners be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars to be paid in four monthly payments of one hundred dollars each, to pay the men in charge of the city scows, said sum to be taken from general account and placed in the tax levy of 1889-90.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, Sept. 27, 1888, at 9 o'clock a .m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

The Clerk read the call which was as follows:

JERSEY CITY, September 24, 1888.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Call a special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation for Thursday, 27th inst., at 9 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of receiving reports of committees and transaction of regular business.

Yours truly,
J. EDELSTEIN,
President.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Parmly, Olendorf & Fink, Attorneys, requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the City by Thomas Cavanagh.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of C. F. Mead for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of F. Meyer for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of D. D. Zabriskie, attorney for Patrick Kiernan, requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the City by said Kiernan amounting to $2,076,61.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of Albert Datz of $151 for stationery for City Treasurer and City Comptroller's offices.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting an appropriation of $500 for the purpose of placing a heating apparatus in engine house No. 11.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works in reference to the estimated cost of reconstructing sewers in Jackson avenue, Monticello avenue, and Communipaw avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from the City Collector reporting the receipt of the following assessment maps.

Sewer in Jackson avenue, Garrabrant to Pine streets, $3,420.

Sewer in Sherman avenue from Bowers to South streets, $3,651.50.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolutions from the Board of Public Works received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

1. Requesting an appropriation of $20,000 to reconstruct sewers in Jackson, Communipaw and Monticello avenues.

2. Requesting an appropriation of $1,000 to repair unpaved streets in Hill section.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Repairing floor of Montgomery street bridge, at a cost not to exceed $300.

2 Authorizing the purchase of certain supplies.

3. Asking that the Corporation Attorney be directed to be expeditious in drawing contracts.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1 Awarding contract for mason work on School No. 22 to Thomas Kelly at $12,400.

2. Awarding contract to M. Curley, the contract for sewer in Laidlaw avenue from Summit to Central avenues.

3. Awarding contract to P. J. Condon for laying pipe in Montgomery street.

4. Awarding contract to G. B. Lockwood for plumbing work in School No. 22.

5. Awarding contract to Chas. O'Neill for sewer in Sherman avenue from North to South street.

6. Awarding contract to W. H. and F. W. Cane, for carpenter work on Public School Building No. 22.

7. Pay-roll Streets and Sewers, August, 1888, $270.

8 Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, July, 1888, $64.

9 Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, August, 1888, $312.

10. Pay-roll, Streets and Sewers, August, 1888, $1,069.82.

11. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, August, 1888, $731.33.

12. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, August, 1888, $551.

13. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, June, 1888, $66.

14. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, July, 1888, $372.

15. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, August, 1888, $137.50.

16. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, August, 1888, $1,143.75.

17. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, August, 1888, $3,032.25.

18. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, August, 1888. $613 33.

19. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, July, 1888, $613.33.

20 Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the pay-roll resolution for the month of September, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The same committee reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of extra clerks for the month of September, 1888, to wit.

Stephen Egan.....$70.00
John McCutcheon.....70.00

The same committee reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of

C. S. Westervelt for the sum of $30, being for extra services in itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Assessment during September, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), on account of county tax for the year 1887.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of October, 1888, interest account.

On General Account.....	$46.070
On Water Account.....	28,000
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment bonds.....	16.065

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars ($125,000) at a rate of interest not to exceed four and one-half per centum per annum.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the sum of $45,000 be borrowed from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners payable on demand with interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent. per annum as the evidence of such indebtedness.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the following claims for services omitted from pay-rolls of the Board of Works heretofore concurred in by this Board, to-wit:

Arthur J. O'Brien, Committee Clerk, $75.
Charles Conway, janitor, $65.
T. J. Cox, extra clerk, $75.
William McCarthy, extra clerk, $75.
Thomas Mack, laborer on meters, $60.

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall Monday October 1, 1888, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the sum of forty-five thousand dollars ($45,000) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the Corporate Seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners payable on demand with interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent per annum.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 4th, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

The Clerk read the call for the meeting which was as follows:

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

You will please call a special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation to be held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 4, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of transacting regular and general business.

Very truly,
JOHN EDELSTEIN,
President.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk stating that Thomas Kenny, formerly a clerk in his office had resigned and that he is entitled to eighteen days pay for September, 1888.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Collector reporting the receipt of the following assessment map:

Sewer in St. Pauls avenue from Summit avenue to Perry street, amounting to $1,432.70.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing pay-roll of extra men for the month of September, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from his honor the Mayor.

JERSEY CITY, Oct. 1, 1888.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—The resolution passed by your honorable body Sept. 18, 1888, is herewith returned without approval. The resolution reads "That the Board of Public Works be and are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $3,000 to be used in making repairs to certain streets paved with cobble stones, the said expenditure to be charged to general account and placed in the tax levy of the fiscal year 1889-90. There is no law that I know of that permits money to be borrowed and expended and the amount placed in the tax levy of a succeeding year, and it is a great safeguard to the tax payers that no such law exists.

Were it otherwise the entire amount of the taxes of the next year might be expended in advance and the city be left helpless by an outgoing administration. This could happen because the so-called Martin act provides for the sale of property for taxes only in case the tax rate shall be under three per centum per annum, and if a large amount were expended in advance and the total placed in the next tax levy it would be impossible to keep up the School, Police and Fire departments without raising the rate above the limit. But there are other objections to the resolution. Even if otherwise authorized by law to borrow the money and provide for it in the next year's tax levy, it could not now be taken out of the general account as contemplated by this resolution. There is no such thing in the City Comptroller's office as "general account" and if there was this money could not be taken out of it, because every dollar is appropriated to a specific purpose. If the machinery of the city government permitted this expenditure, you would need to borrow this specific amount for this purpose, and order it placed in the proposed tax levy. But, fortunately, for the tax payers it cannot be done at all. But while investigating the law governing this subject, a new thought came up, and that is, that your Board cannot, as this resolution states, "authorize" the Board of Public Works, nor any other Board of the city government to expend any money whatever, unless the same was provided for in the tax levy of that year in which the expenditures is to be made, and that is another great safe-guard for the tax payers. A principle is involved also in the consideration of this resolution. Your Board has the right of concurrence in certain expenditures and proceedings of the Board of Public Works, but you have not the power to originate expenditures. You cannot resolve that any board be "authorized to expend." You can do nothing that is beyond the specific powers granted you by statute, except in case of actual and great emergency, and I do not know of any law giving your Board the power to do what this resolution proposes. But for fear there might be such and I do not know of it, the opinion of the Corporation Counsel was sought and is transmitted herewith. I am in favor of doing whatever the law will permit and the tax levy can bear, for the repair of streets, but cannot sanction so flagrant a violation of law even for so good a purpose. Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and laid over.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, Oct. 1, 1888.

To the Honorable, the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I am very sorry to feel compelled to return for reasons given in a message sent to your Board this day touching an other matter, the resolution passed by your Board Sept. 20, 1888, authorizing the Police Commissioners to expend $400 to pay men in charge of the city night soil scow.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received and laid over.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, September.
2. Sewer in Hoboken avenue.
3. Purchase of certain supplies.
4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, October 11, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tem pore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last special meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the rules of order be suspended.

Mr. Warren offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Commissioner Hardenbergh has returned safely from his trip to Europe and is once more prepared to resume his duties as a member of this Board; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Board hereby extends to Mr. Hardenbergh hearty congratulations upon his safe return and the hope that the pleasant relationship existing between himself and the other members of the Board will continue uninterrupted

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Warren and Jordan.

Absent—President Edelstein.

Mr. Hardenbergh being excused from voting.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That this Board do now return to the regular order of business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Thomas Bray for the return of a fine paid for selling liquor without a license.

Received and referred to Corporation Counsel.

Resolution from the Board of Education rescinding a resolution requesting transfer of $250 from account of census to the account of books, stationery and music.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of $250 from account of census to account of furniture and repairs.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of $250 from the account of census to account of furniture, repairs and gas, fiscal year 1887-88.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $9,000 to repair roadway on Ocean avenue.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting a transfer of $2,000 from the account of cleaning streets to the account of cleaning sewers.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, September, 1888, $2,944.75.

2. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments Foreman & Stableman, September, 1888.

3. Ordering paid claim of John F. Connelly.

4. Advertising for cast iron water pipes, 500 lengths.

5. Purchase of Supplies.

6. Ordering paid $181.03 to John Fox, for water furnished Kearney township.

7. Awarding to P. O'Neill contract for sewer in Old Bergen Road.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled, the same members present.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works enclosing a petition for constructing two receiving basins on Whiton street, between Communipaw avenue and Newark and New York Railroad.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he has received from the Clerk of Hudson county, Report No. 23, made by the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $76,131.49.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Commissioners of Adjustment requesting an appropriation of $5,000.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

On resolution from the Board of Public Works:

Resolved, That the sum of $2,000 be transferred from the account of Cleaning Streets to the account of Cleaning Sewers fiscal year 1887 and 88 Board of Public Works.

On payment of judgment obtained against the city by Charles Stivers

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Stivers for $54.52 being amount of a judgment and costs recovered in the First District Court in a suit wherein said Charles Stivers was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants.

On claim of Thomas Cavanagh for payment of a judgment.

Resolved, That a warrant for $5,003.11 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Parmly, Ollendorf and Fisk being balance of judgment and costs in cases of Thomas Cavanagh vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The said committee reported verbally the official bond of W. P. Looney as Constable, recommending that it be approved, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The same committee reported verbally on the official bond of Cornelius Healy as Water Registrar, recommending that it be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, Registrar, etc., excepting the name of Chas. Freeman.

2. Sewer in Neptune avenue, from Ocean to Garfield avenue.

3. Awarding contract to P. O'Neill for sewer in Old Bergen Road.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his honor the Mayor of the resolution "authorizing the Board of Public Works to expend a sum not exceeding $3,000, to be used in making repairs to certain s reets said expenditures to be charged to general account and placed in the next tax levy" be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

The clerk having read the veto Mr. Warren moved

That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—None.

Nays—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his Honor the Mayor, on resolution authorizing the Board of Police Commissioners to expend $400 to pay men in charge of the city night soil scow, be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

The Clerk having read the veto Mr. Warren moved

That the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—None.

Nays—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant for $8 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Isaac Morrow, Jr., being for services as Clerk to the City Treasurer during the month of July, 1888.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant for $5,000 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Commissioners of Adjustment, the same to be taken from the moneys received under the adjustment made by said Commissioners and to be used to meet the current expenses of said Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) in a sum or sums as they may deem necessary at a rate of interest not exceeding 4½ per centum per annum

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas Kenny, Clerk to the City Clerk for the sum of $39.99, being for eighteen days services during September 1888, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to cancel the warrant drawn September 27, 1888, to the order of Thomas Kenny for the sum of $66 66.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the salaries of the clerks in the City Clerk's office be paid at the following rates per annum:

T. K. Halstead	$1,200
N. E. Feury	1,200
J. P. Wanser	1,200
T. J. Cummings	900

To take effect November 1, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Thursday, October 18, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

In the absence of the Clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected to act as clerk pro tempore.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Jacob Weart, acting executor and trustees for the return of money paid and afterwards adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

Petition of John McInness for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Charles Merrell for the return of money paid twice on taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co. of $13.80, for gas consumed in City Hall during September, 1888.

Claim of William Gorrill of $15.50 for ice delivered at City Hall September 15 to October 15, 1888.

Claim of Albert Datz of $140 for warrant books furnished City Clerk.

Claim of Robert Donshea of $13.50 for one cord of pine wood.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Bond of indemnity of D. M. Demarest requesting payment of a declaration of sale for taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting an appropriation of $3,000 for the purpose of re-opening and maintaining the three night schools that were in operation last term.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of $26.35 from the account of census to the account of Furniture, Repairs and Gas.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners asking that an appropriation of $11,000 be made to cover the deficiency and which amount is required to properly light the streets of the city.

All the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Communication from the Chief Engineer in reference to the probable cost of repairs to the northerly end of Cambridge avenue sewer.

2. Awarding contract to P. F. Plunkett for improvement of Astor Place from Summit to Monticello avenues.

3. Rescinding resolution ordering paid claim of J. Louis Steck of $34.45.

4. Purchasing certain supplies.

5. Contract to Michael Henry and S. P. McGivney for the improvement of Palisade avenue from South to North streets

6. Contract to P. F. Plunkett for improvement of Cambridge avenue, from Franklin to Hutton streets.

7. Contract to Berwick J. Waters for sewer in Lincoln street, from Summit to Milton avenues.

8. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, September, 1888, $1,103.

9. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, April, 1888, $90.

10. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, September, 1888, $623 33.

11. Ordering paid certain claims

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

During recess Messrs. Datz and Jordan appeared.

The Board then re-assembled—all the members present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Awarding contract to P. F. Plunkett for improvement of Astor place, from Summit to Monticello avenues.

2. Advertise for 500 lengths of 6-inch cast-iron pipe.

3. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, July, 1888, $3,181.59.

4 Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, August, 1888, $3,178 29.

5 Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, September, 1888, $135.

6 Ordering paid certain claims.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to notify the Assessors of the several districts of Jersey City to file their books with this Board as soon as possible.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet Thursday October 25, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk pro tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, Oct. 25, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from William P. Douglass, requesting payment of a judgment obtained against the City by William Dunne.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of F. D. Linn & Co., of $2, for binding copy of laws of 1888.

Claim of Michael Kilcauley of $339.95 for new furnace and repairs to stoves, etc,, in City Hall.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury October 19th, to 25th, 1888, both days included to be $13,905.46.

Received and ordered filed.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection, Report No. 19 made by the Commissioners of adjustment amounting to $90,583.31.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works enclosing a petition of B. Mills Sons to construct a box drain in Mercer street from 100 feet west of Fremont street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Purchase of supplies.
2. Ordering paid claims of C. Conway.
3. Ordering paid claims of H. V. Sloat.
4. Awarding contract to P. F. Plunkett for sewer in Pine street from National Docks Railroad to Mill Creek.
5. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported as follows:

On petition of D. D. Zabriskie requesting payment of a judgment.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of D. D. Zabriskie, attorney for Bridget Kiernan, for the sum of $2,076.61 being amount of a judgment and costs obtained in the Hudson County Circuit Court in a suit wherein Bridget Kiernan, executrix of Patrick Kiernan was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants.

The same committee reported verbally on the bond of indemnity of D. M. Demarest, recommending that the same be received, filed and spread in full on the bond book.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were received and the resolution and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution be concurred in.

1. Awarding contract to P. F. Plunkett for sewer in Pine street, from Johnston avenue to the National Docks Railway, thence easterly across the lands of said Railway Co., and across lands owned by the Easton & Amboy Railroad Co., to Mill Creek.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported the pay roll of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending September 30th, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of October, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The same committee reported on the following petitions:

On petition of R. M. Petrie:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of R. M. Petrie for the sum of $992.68, being amount paid twice on lot 9, block 309, as follows: Taxes of 1883, $235.56; 1884, $199.12; 1885, $180.51; 1886. $167.04; 1887, $150.10; water rents, 1884, $28.37; water rents, 1887, $31.98.

On petition of F. Meyers:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of F. Meyers for the sum of $27.95, being amount paid twice on water rents for the year 1888, on lots 1 and 2, block 228, Nos. 404 and 406 Bergen avenue.

The above amount having been paid once to the Water Registrar and again to the City Collector on bill adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

On petition of John McInness:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John McInness for the sum of $37.72, being amount paid twice for taxes of 1886, on lot 114, block 758, No. 232 New York avenue; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

On petition of George Stratford:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George Stratford for the sum of $54.43, being amount paid twice on water rents of 1888, on lot 13D, 13D and 15D, block 361, having been once paid to the Water Registrar, and again to the City Collector, having been adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

On petition of David Gregory:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record the taxes adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment and confirmed March 27, 1888, for the years 1886 and 1887, as follows: Taxes of 1886, lots K and G, block 66, and lot D, block 170; taxes of 1887, lots G and K, block 66. For the reason that said taxes were paid prior to the actions of the Commissioners of Adjustment.

On petition of Russ & Heppenheimer:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to received from Russ & Heppenheimer, the sum of $8.50 with interest thereon from June 26th

1862 to date being amount assessed to William B. Ogden, for taxes of 1861 on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, block 40, Clinton street, and sold June 26, 1862, to J. S. Slaussen for unpaid taxes.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of D. M. Demarest being amount paid to the City Treasurer in redemption of lot 40, block 94, Waverly street, sold for assessment for Oakland avenue grading said D. M. Demerest having lost the declaration of sale and having filed with this Board a proper and sufficient bond of indemnity approved by the Corporation Council.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $15,706.35 in full for balance due county for tax for the year 1887.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $168,674.45 for State school tax for the year 1887.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, for the sum of $5,000 to transfer that amount from general to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of November, 1888, interest:

On general account.....$31,080
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds..... 84,735
On water account..... 31,395

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds such sum or sums as may be necessary to meet the interest and warrant demands due November 1st, 1888.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for the sum of $30, being for extra services itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment for October, 1888.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of the extra Clerks, for month of November, 1888, when due, viz.:

Stephen Egan.....$70
John McCutcheon..... 70

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned, to meet Thursday, November 1st, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 1, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of P. McArdle for return of money paid twice on water rents.

Petition of J. N. Millham for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $8 53 for messenger service for August, September and October, 1888.

Claim of $4 for George H. Reed for attachments for telephone.

Both claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation for stationery and printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment maps:

Opening and widening Vreeland street, from Grand street to Bay View avenue, $3,333 25.

Improvement of Vreeland street, now Arlington, from Grand street to Bay View avenue, $11,331.

Also that he had received from Dennis McLaughlin, County Clerk, Report No. 24, made by the Commissioners of Adjustment amounting to $39,213.70.

Both reports were received and filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury October 26th to November 1st, 1888, both days included to be $168,688 63.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works inviting the members of this Board to a conference to be held Friday evening to consider the matter of a new supply of water for Jersey City.

The communication was received and filed and the Clerk directed to notify the Board of Public Works that this Board will meet with them to consider the matter of a new water supply on Friday evening, November 9th, 1888.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing pay-roll of extra men for the month of October, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $475 to repair pipe over the Hackensack bridge.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Purchase of supplies.
2. Opening and changing as to boundaries of Rutger place.
3. Ordering paid certain claims.
4. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, foreman, storekeeper, etc., October, $623.33.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of John A. Nugent, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John A. Nugent for the sum of $60 for taking testimony in city cases.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee were received and the resolution adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, repairs to pipe, etc., September, 1888, $1,103.
2. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, laborers, etc., laying pipe, September, 1888, $2,944.75.
3. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, foremen, storekeeper, etc., September, 1888, $623.33.
4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolution the report of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$7.50, $32.50 and $32 to Jordan Stationery Co.; $13.80 to the United Gas and Improvement Co.; $13.50 to Robert Donshea; $40 to John F. Kelly; $2 to F. D. Linn; $15.25, $15.25, $15.25, $15.25 to William Garrill.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City in the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts, transcripts of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted at 8:58 o'clock p. m. by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the vote by which was

adopted October 25, 1888, the following resolution, to wit:

"Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Russ & Heppenheimer the sum of $8.50, with interest thereon from June 26, 1862, to date, being amount assessed to Wm. B. Ogden for taxes of 1861 on lots 1 to 14, block 40, Clinton street, and sold June 26, 1862, to J. S. Slaussen for unpaid taxes, be and is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That John McKeon, Thomas Lynch and John B. Romar be and they are hereby appointed as extra clerks in the office of the City Collector at a salary of $70 per month, term of office to begin November 2, 1888, and to continue at the pleasure of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 8, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John Tiejen for return of money paid in error on an assessment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $144 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

Claim of John Mullins of $8 for chair furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of Albert Datz of $44.50 for printing for City Collector.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $26.90 for messenger service for Mayor's office

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from November 2d to 8th, 1888, both days included, to be $290,580.72.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing a communication from the Board requesting an appropriation to cover the deficiency in salary account.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Ordering paid claim of T. J. McDonald, for ex ra work on engine house in Mercer street.

2. Purchase of supplies.

3 Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1888, $1,990.46.

3. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, September, 1888, $713.33.

4 Awarding to T. J. McKenna contract for 500 lengths of cast iron water pipe.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $2,500 to repair sewer in Thirteenth street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to T. J. McKenna for 500 lengths of cast iron pipe.

2. Awarding contract to Michael Henry and S. P. McGivney for improvement of Palisade avenue from South to North street.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, reported on the following petitions:

$20.63 to P. McArdle, amount paid twice on water rents of 1880, on lot 4, block 7.

$37.60 to Catharine Goula, amount paid twice on taxes of 1885, on lot 7, block 665.

$141.72 to Joseph N. Milabam, amount paid twice on taxes of 1887, on lot L, block 278.

$14.25 to C. F. Mead, amount paid twice on water rents of 1888, block 476, No. 59 Lafayette street.

$91 90 to A. B. Dayton, amount paid twice on taxes of 1884, 1885 and 1886, lot 141, block 783, under an adjustment.

On petition of D. Wegman:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel upon report No. 23 of the Board of Adjustment the water rents against lot 1, block 1322; lot 23, block 237; lots 30 and 31, block 848; lot G, block 171, for year 1888, for the reason that said water rents had been paid before said adjustment was made.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That Edward Crooke, Daniel F. Cummings and Thomas O'Connor be and they are hereby appointed as extra clerks in the office of the City Collector at a salary of $70 per month each, term of service to begin November 9, 1888, and continue at the pleasure of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes assessed by the assessors of the Second District of Jersey City, transcripts of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directly to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously at 9:25 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 15, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President, pro tempore.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Spencer Weart, attorney for William Hagan, trustee for return of money paid in error on adjusted taxes.

Petition of Herman Stein to have assessments adjusted.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $48 for printing manuals, pages 32 to 56, both inclusive.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company of $23.35 for gas consumed in City Hall during October, 1888.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, November 9th to 15th, 1888, both days included to be $201,196.14.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from Hugh Dugan, County Collector, showing the amount levied against Jersey City for State school and county purposes to be as follows:

State school tax	$213,992.98
County tax	420,307.42
Total	$634,300.40

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Public Works enclosing a petition of Andrew Jackson, A. A. Lutkins, M. D., Henry Taylor and others, to have the sewer in Bright street cleaned.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, packing meter, October, 1888, $54.

2. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessment, foreman and stableman, October, 1888, $137.50.

3 Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, men employed re-assessing, October, 1888, $89.49.

4. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, October, 1888, $1,814.50.

5. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipes, gates, &c., October, 1888, $1,590.75.

6. Purchase of two horses.

7. Advertise for proposals to re-construct brick sewer in Thirteenth street, from Provost street easterly.

8. Ordering warrant drawn to John Fox for $1,225.96, for water supplied to the town of Harrison.

9. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of William P. Douglass, attorney for William Dunne for payment of a judgment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William P. Douglass, attorney for William Dunne for the sum of $318.90 being amount of judgment and costs recovered against the city in a suit wherein the said William Dunne was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen defendants.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to Berwick J. Waters, for sewer in Lincoln street, from Summit avenue to a point 10 feet east of Milton avenue.

2. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, month of October, 1888, Water Registrar and Clerks, $1,990.46.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

On petition of Spencer Weart, attorney for William Hogan, Trustee:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Spencer Weart, Attorney for William Hogan, Trustee, for the sum of $71.35, being amount paid twice on lot 13, block 505 for taxes for the years 1872 to 1887, both inclusive and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of F. C. Barnes:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel upon report No. 15 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment, the water rents charged against lots 59 and 60, block 662 for the reason that said charges are erroneous.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) on account of county tax for the year 1888.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be and he is hereby requested to transmit to this Board a statement in writing showing the amount of water rents levied against property in Jersey City for the year beginning May 1, 1888; also the estimated amount of money to be received by the city for measured water

during the same period, together with the amount received to date on account of said water rents and said measured water.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That Daniel Donovan be and he is hereby appointed as extra clerk in the office of the City Collector at a salary of $70 per month, term of service to commence November 16, 1888, and continue at the pleasure of this Board.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the salaries of Stephen Egan and William H. Tuttle, clerks in the City Col lector's office, be and are hereby fixed at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum, the same to take effect December 1, 1888.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the salary of T. J. Cummings, clerk in the City Clerk's office, be fixed at $1,000 per annum, and of James Clarke, messenger in City Clerk's office, at $500 per annum, to take effect December 1, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY.
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, November 22, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation to attend the fourth annual ball of Court Jersey City to be held December 10, 1888.

Received and accepted.

Petition of the Estate of M. S. Allison for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Co., of $20.90 for rent of instrument and tollage from July 1 to October 1, 1888.

Claim of the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., of $23.55, for rent of instrument and tollage in Mayor's office from October 1 to January, 1889.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $10.75, for stationery for Corporation Counsel.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $45.45, for stationery for City Collector's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $122, for stationery and printing for Mayor's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $200, for postage stamps for City Collector's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $186 20, for stationery for City Comptroller.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, November 16th to 22d, 1888, both days included to be $200,488.80.

Received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 21, 1888.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In this matter Mr. Bray sold liquor without a license and was fined $25 for doing so. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. I see no ground for your interference.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received from the Clerk of Hudson county report No. 26, made by the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $50,009.01.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners, requesting transfer of $1,700 from the appropriation for night soil scow to the credit of the Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries fiscal year 1887 and 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $325 to repair Public School No. 19.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $11,475 for repairing old engine house on Palisade avenue.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions as follows:

On petition of John Tietjen.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of John Tietjen, for the sum of $100.72 being amount paid twice for improvement of Lincoln street, from Grand to Central avenue, on lots 5 and 6, block 865.

On petition of the estate of M. S. Allison:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John A. Parker, Attorney for the estate of M. S. Allison, for the sum of $62.92, being amount paid in error on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, block 464, for taxes of 1887.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Robert Davis, Sheriff of Hudson county, for the sum of $340.36, being amount of execution issued in suit of Mansfield and Fagan vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That the warrant ordered drawn October 11, 1888, upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Parmly, Ollendorf and Fiske, Attorneys for Thomas Cavanagh, for the sum of $5,003.11 be paid out of water account and that the City Clerk be directed to draw the warrant in accordance with this resolution.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Parmly, Ollendorf and Fiske, Attorneys for Thomas Cavanagh, for the sum of $85.52, being interest upon judgment obtained by said Cavanagh against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and ordered paid as follows: September 18, 1888, $1,500. October 11, $5,003.11, and that said warrant be charged to the water account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant or warrants in the total sum of $30,000 be drawn in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, as a further payment on account of taxes of 1888.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of December, 1888, interest:

On general account	$13,500
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	42,000
On water account	8,680

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to investigate the condition of the sewer in Second street, and report to this Board what in their judgment would be the best plan for its improvement.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Datz, Warren and Jordan.

By Mr. Datz:

Whereas, The public press and citizens

generally have been for some time past commenting upon and criticising the action of this Board in its management of the Sinking Fund, and

Whereas, It is deemed that the question should be set at rest forever and that the position taken by this Board in the matter, that it has done its whole duty in the use of said Sinking Fund, should be made clear and intelligible to the citizens and taxpayers; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of five citizens, to wit: E. F. C. Young, Allan L. McDermott, William H. Hogencamp, George W. Clerihew and John D. Carscallen, be invited to act as a committee to make a full investigation of all matters pertaining to said Sinking Fund, and report to this Board at their earliest convenience.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, November 27, 1888, at 6:45 p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, November 27, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications from E. F. C. Young and Geo. W. Cleribew, accepting the appointment of a Special Committee to examine the Sinking Fund.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Harriet Romaine to have an assessment corrected.

Petition of George Sholl for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from November 23 to 27, 1888, both days included, to be $95,023.58.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the water registrar showing amount assessed for water rents for the year 1888-89, also the amount collected account of water department:

Amount assessed, year 1888-89, as per register	$280,693 36
Amount collected to October 31, 1888	198,827 24
Balance due	$81,866 32
Amount charged for measured water from May 1, 1888, to September 30, 1888	$117,558 45
Amount collected from same	87,371 14
Balance due	30,187 31
Amount paid from May 1 to September 30, due for measured water prior to May 1	$14,313 16
Amount paid from May 1 to October 31, 1888, due on register, prior to May 1, 1888	13,709 78
Amount paid to City Collector per report of Commissioners of Adjustment, May 1 to October 31, 1888	11,618 22
Amount paid by Permit Clerk, account permits, $7,669.19.	
Total assessed	$398,252 01
Collected against same	286,198 38
Balance due	112,053.63

Collected for arrears against account of permits etc., $47,310 95.

Total collected, $333,509 33.

Very respectfully,

C. HEALY,

Water Registrar.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works, enclosing a resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting that a heating apparatus be placed in the new engine house on Linden avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Advertise for supplies.

2. Awarding contract to John G. Dunn for cleaning and sweeping the streets and removing the ashes and garbage.

3. Ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

4. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, High Service and Belleville, September, 1888, $3,202.47.

5. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, foreman, November, 1888, $623.33.

6. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1888, $779.23.

7. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, September, 1888, $549.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

Mr. Hardenbergh appeared and took his seat.

The Board re-assembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Extension and Distributions, October, 1888, $1,590 75.

2. Pay-roll Extension and Distributions, October, 1888, $1,814.50,

3. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, September, 1888, $713.33.

4. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1888, $54.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of P. H. Nugent for cancellation of duplicate water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel upon adjustment report No. 23, the water rents assessed against lots 54 to 57, block 661, for the reason that said water rents had been paid at the time said report was filed.

The same committee reported the salary list for the month of November, 1888, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolution.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000), on account of county tax for the year 1888,

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for the sum of $30.00, being for extra services itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment during November, 1888.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of the extra clerks for the month of November, 1888, to wit:

Stephen Egan.....$70 00

John McCutcheon.....$70.00

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet Saturday, December 1, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Saturday, December 1st, 1888, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Warren.

Absent—Mr, Jordan.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the Estate of Kyle for correction of an assessment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes, and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. T. Witter of $21.50, for repairs to shades.

Claim of C. H. Scott of $15.65, for repairs.

Both claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolutions from the Board of Aldermen requesting a transfer of all unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the several committees, to the Committee on Public Grounds and buildings.

Resolution from the Board of Education, requesting the following transfers.

$276.35 from the account of census to that of furniture, repairs and gas.

$17.03 from books, stationery and music to that of Janitors supplies.

$350.57 from books, stationery and music, to that of furniture, repairs and gas.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners, requesting transfer of $675 from account of salaries to the account of claims, fiscal year 1887 and 1888.

All the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution be concurred in.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the contract for cleaning and sweeping the streets, and for the removal of the ashes and garbage be awarded to John G. Dunn, he being the lowest bidder at the following prices:

For each mile of streets cleaned, $5.

For removing ashes, $16,550.

For removing garbage, $2,750.

Be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the report of the committee was received and the resolution lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein and Mr. Warren.

Nays—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments, reported the pay-roll of the extra clerks for the month of November, 1888, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of the extra clerks for the month of November, 1888, as follows:

John B. Romar	$67 66
John McKeon	60 61
Thomas Lynch	60 61
Edward Crooke	51 30
D. T. Cummings	46 33
Thomas O'Connor	51 30
Daniel Donovan	34 98

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, December 4, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Tuesday, December 4, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications from John D. Carscallen, accepting his appointment as a member of the committee to examine the Sinking Fund.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of James Wilson, for the return of money paid twice for taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Annual report of the Health Inspector:

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 1, 1888.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with an act of March 28, 1885, I most respectfully submit the following report of the receipts and expenses of this office for the year ending November 30, 1888:

Receipts. *Expenditures.*

DECEMBER, 1887.

Cash received, $150.	To salary	$100 00
	To keep a horse	25 00
	Incidentals	10 19
	Total	$135 19

JANUARY, 1888.

Cash received, $70.	Salary	$100 00
	Supplies for scow	5 00
	Keep of horse	25 00
	Incidentals	10 22
	Total	$140 22

FEBRUARY, 1888.

Cash received, $84.	To salary	$100 00
	Supplies for scow	6 00
	Incidentals	13 80
	Total	$119 80

MARCH, 1888.

Cash received, $46.	Salary	$100 00
	Towing scow	4 00
	Incidentals	12 17
	Total	$116 17

APRIL, 1888.

Cash received, $222.	Salary	$100 00
	Towing	32 00
	Coach hire	5 00
	Pumping scow	14 50
	Incidentals	18 08
	Total	$169 58

MAY, 1888.

Cash received, $274.	Salary	$100 00
	Boat hire	4 00
	Hotel expenses	6 80
	Towing	41 00
	Repairing scow	3 50
	Lumber for scow	13 11
	Pumping scow	8 00
	Repairing road	5 00
	Incidentals	20 03
	Total	$201 44

JUNE, 1888.

Cash received, $585.50.	Salary	$100 00
	Towing	186 00
	Repairing road	68 00
	Keep of horses	75 00
	Incidentals	13 57
	Total	$442 57

JULY, 1888.

Cash received, $396.	Salary	$100 00
	Keep of horse	75 00
	Towing	42 00
	Supplies for stable	15 00
	Supplies for scow	5 00
	Supplies for office	5 00
	Repairing dock and road	33 25
	Incidentals	17 07
	Total	$292 32

AUGUST, 1888.

Cash received, $434.	Salary	$100 00
	Towing	82 00
	Supplies for scow	4 56
	Labor on road and dock	43 00
	Keep of horse	25 00
	Incidentals	13 98
	Total	$268 54

SEPTEMBER, 1888.

Cash received, $370.	Salary	$100 00
	Towing	32 00
	Painting and repairing wagon	43 90
	Permits cancelled	97 67
	Printing	33 00
	Keep of horse	25 00
	Supplies for office	11 00
	Labor on road and dock	28 00
	Incidentals	12 82
	Total	$433 50

OCTOBER, 1888.

Cash received, $360.	Salary	$100 00
	Supplies for stable	13 30
	Shoeing horse	13 50
	Labor on road	68 00
	Keep of horse	25 00
	Insurance	3 75
	Repairing scow	75 00
	Incidentals	9 26
	Supplies for office	60
	Total	$308 41

NOVEMBER, 1888.

Cash received, $200.	Salary	$100 00
	Horse keep	50 00
	Towing	52 00
	Printing	94 30
	Supplies for scow	80 68
	Incidentals	5 37
	Repairing buggy	60 00
	Total	$442 32

Total amount of cash received	3,191 50
Balance on hand	66 11
Total cash	3,257 61
Total expended	3,069 95
Balance	187 66

Respectfully,

D. W. BENJAMIN,
Health Inspector.

The report was received, ordered spread in full on the minutes and filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners enclosing pay-roll of extra men for month of November, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Purchase of supplies.
2. Repairing Mercer street from Barrow to Grove, contract to Joseph H. Cutley.
3. Ordering paid certain claims.
4. Pay Roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1888, $156.

Pay Roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1888, $2,439.14.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of $1,700 be transferred from the appropriation for building a night soil scow to the account of the Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries, Board of Police Commissioners, fiscal year 1887 and 1888.

Resolved, That the following transfers be granted in accordance with a resolution from the Board of Education, $276.35 from account of census to that of furniture, repairs and gas; $17.03 from books, stationery and music to that of janitor's supplies; $350.57 from books, stationery and music to furniture, repairs and gas, Board of Education fiscal year 1887–88.

The same committee reported recommending that a warrant be ordered drawn to the order of John Fox, successor to Fox & Drummond, for the sum of $1,225.96, being amount received from E. J. Grace Jr., Town Clerk of Harrison, for water furnished said township for eighteen months ending August 10th, 1888.

The same committee reported granting transfers for Board of Fire Commissioners and Board of Aldermen.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments Registrar, etc., November, 1888, $2,439.14.
2. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1888, foreman &c. hydrants, $779 33
3 Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments October, 1888, re-assessing, $89.49.
4. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, September, 1888, water gates, $549.
6. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservors, September, 1888, employees, $3,202.47.

The same committee reported, non-concurring in the resolution for the opening and changing as to boundaries of Rutger Place.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh.

Whereas, In the enactment of the tax ordinance of 1887, a deficiency on account of police salaries and pensions exists in the sum of $18,650. 52; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow the said sum on demand, at a rate of interest not exceeding four and one-half per centum, said amount to be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector for the sum of $15,000 on account of county tax for 1888.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $126 to transfer that amount from water account to assessment account to return amount of claim of John J. McCarthy as Inspector of covering water main on Hackensack river passed by Board of Public Works, 1888, and by error paid by assessment account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn up on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $1,500 to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return judgment of Thomas Cavanagh, ordered paid by this Board on September 20. 1888, and properly chargeable to water account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $50 to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account to return deposit made in error on April 13, 1888, collection account, adjusted assessments, Report No. 9.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to transmit to this Board all information in his possession relative to the grant of the State of New Jersey, to the city of Jersey City of land in the South Cove, where suit for its possession or reclamation was commenced, what has been done in the matter and in what condition the matter now stands.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $2,000 to be used in maintaining night schools in Jersey City, the said sum to be paid out of the Contingent Fund of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 6, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular and adjourned meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, November 30 to December 6, 1888, both days included, to be $167,603.19.

Received and ordered filed.

The following opinion was received from the Corporation Counsel and Attorney in the case of Arthur E. Fry vs. The Mayor, &c., of Jersey City:

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 6, 1888.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—The judgment in this case having been affirmed by the Court of Common Pleas on appeal we hereby recommend that the Board of Finance and Taxation make provision to pay the said judgment, and the amounts due the fifteen men appointed by the Board of Police Commissioners under the act of 1886.

JOHN A. BLAIR.
Corporation Counsel,
ROBERT S. HUDSPETH,
Corporation Attorney.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering a warrant drawn in favor of Berwick J. Waters for $210.09, being amount retained on contract No. 490.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the resolution of the Board of Public Works, for the purchase of a new pump to be used at High Service, be referred to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion as to the power of this Board to appropriate the money necessary for the purchase of said pump.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above rasolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Saturday, December 8th, 1888, at 8:30 a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

G. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, December 8, 1888, at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

Present—All the members.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally, recommending that the resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $2,500 to repair sewer in Thirteenth street, be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to the right of this Board to grant said extra appropriation.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution be concurred in:

Awarding to J. G. Dunn, contract for cleaning and sweeping the streets and removing the ashes and garbage.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein and Mr. Warren.

Nays—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

The same committee reported recommending that the following resolution be concurred in.

1, Improvement of Zabriskie street from Nelson to Western avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow at a rate of interest not exceeding 4½ per centum per annum the sum of $12,200 to be used in paying the salaries of the fifteen patrolmen appointed under act of 1886, the pay-rolls for said salaries to be certified to this Board and be it further

Resolved, That said amount be placed in the next tax levy.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $1,200, to be used in paying the cost of carting from Snake Hill to Tonelle avenue, the broken stone which has been offered to the city by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, provided said work be done by contract and performed under the direction of the Chief Engineer.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to return to the Board of Public Works the resolution awarding the contract to J. G. Dunn, for cleaning the streets &c., &c., with a notice that said resolution has been non-concurred in, and asking said Board to readvertise for said work.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That the resolution for the repaving of Cooper place be referred to Mr. Warren.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, December 13, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 13, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Rachael Lepschitz, for return of money paid on personal tax for 1888.

Petition of Edwin F. Puelan, to have taxes and assessments adjusted.

Petition of Mrs. J. H. Spellmeyer, for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of J. C. Blanvelt, for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Frank L Clark, Attorney for P. S. Johnson, for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of William Ungerer, for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of the Provident Institution for Savings for return of money paid in error on taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of John V. Bacot, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the City by the Jersey City Gas Light Co.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $40, for maps mounted, etc.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co., of $31.05, for gas consumed in City Hall during November, 1888.

Claim of William Gorrill of $22.50 for ice furnished from October 15 to December 1, 1888.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from December 7 to 13, 1888, both days included, to be $96,202.53.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel:

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 12, 1888.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of raising money for repairing the Thirteenth street sewer. I think you have the power to do so under the act of 1882. But as that act only allows you to borrow $3,500 in one year for such purpose, it is a question for you to determine whether you will expend so much on this sewer and take the risk of greater breakage during the year which cannot then be provided for except by Legislative Aid.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel:

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 12, 1888.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of your Board to appropriate money for the purchase of a new pump at High Service, I advise you that in my opinion you have not the power. I recommend that you acquire such power by act of the legislature, as the money required will be a large amount, and by the terms of the act it need not all be put in one year's levy and thus be less burdensome.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an apportionment of moneys appropriated for the relief of out-door poor.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, repairs to water gates, November, 1888, $471.

2. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, November, 1888, $360.

3. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, reassessing, November, 1888, $450.

4. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, November, 1888, $1,605.

5. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipe, etc., November, 1888, $1,519.75.

6. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for cleaning sewers and receiving basins.

7. Contract to Michael Shannon for repairing Morris street, from Greene to Washington street.

8. Contract to Michael Shannon for improvement of Chestnut avenue, from Newark avenue to Pennsylvania Railroad cut.

9. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $3,000, to repair streets paved with cobble stones.

Requesting an appropriation for the reconstruction of streets and sewers.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Public Works, enclosing the following petitions:

Petition of John G. Smith for the reconstruction of sewer in Monmouth street from Railroad avenue to Second street.

Petition of the Fourth District Property Holders' Association for a new receiving basin at the southwest corner of South street and Cambridge avenue.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of J. V. Bacot for payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John V. Bacot, Attorney for the sum of $3,392.73, being amount of judgment and costs and interest to date in a suit wherein the Jersey City Gas Light Co. was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the reports of the committee was received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments packing meters, November, 1888, $156.

2. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, foreman and storekeeper, October, 1888, $623.33.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of George Schell, for return of money paid in error on taxes, recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George Schell, for the sum of $4.89 being amount paid in error on lot 3, block 856 for taxes of 1888, and that the City Collector be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $25,000, on account of County tax for 1888.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted, December 8, 1888, the resolution appropriating $1,200 to be used in carting stone, be and is hereby reconsidered, and the resolution rescinded.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $1,200, to be used in paying the cost of carting from Snake Hill to Tonelle avenue, the broken stone which has been offered to the city by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, provided said work be done by contract and under the supervision of the Chief Engineer; and further

Resolved, That such amount be taken from the contingent fund of this Board, fiscal year 1888–89.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That warrants, aggregating $12,200, be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of the fifteen patrolmen appointed under act of 1886, according to pay-rolls adopted by the Board of Police Commissioners to be charged to the fund provided for such purpose by Board.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That Thomas F. Noonan, Jr., be requested to report to this Board at its next meeting as to the time when he may have the compiled and revised charter of this city ready for the printer.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to transfer to the account of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, the balances remaining to the credit of the Committee on Salaries; also the balance remaining to the credit of the account of claims, legal expenses and judgments, Board of Finance and Taxation, fiscal year 1887–88.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, December 20, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of David Douglass for return of money paid in error on poll tax.

Petition of George R. McKenzie for return of money paid in error on taxes of 1888.

Petition of Frank Stevens, agent for Andrew Mills, for return of money paid in error.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. Datz of $54, for printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from December 14 to 20, 1888, both days included to be $204,173.70.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Education endorsing certain claims for payment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $4,731.85 to pay claims of 1882.

Received and referred back to the Board of Public Works to have the claims certified.

Resolution from the Board ordering paid certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and claims reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an apportionment of monies appropriated for the relief of out door poor recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to re-apportion the monies appropriated for the relief of outdoor poor for the year commencing December 1, 1888, as follows:

December, 1888	$1,400
January, 1889	1,400
February, 1889	1,400
March, 1889	1,400
April, 1889	1,200

The balance, $1,199.92, to be divided equally among the remaining months of the year.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, non-concurring in the following resolution:

Awarding contract to Joseph H. Cutley for repaving Mercer street from Barrow to Grove street.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported recommending the payment of certain claims from the Board of Public Works.

The same committee reported concurring in the resolution awarding to Dennis Byrnes the contract for cleaning sewers and receiving basins.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

$536.40 be paid to the Provident Institution for saving, being amount paid in error on taxes of 1888; $1 to David Douglass for return of poll tax twice paid; $57.60 to William Ungerer, being amount paid twice on lot 15, block 492 for taxes of 1887.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$14.55, $19.05 and $16.35, be paid to the United Gas Improvement Co.; $50 to W. A. Boyd; $4 to George H. Reed; $16 to A. Freytag; $151, $94.50 and $102 to Albert Datz; $88 to Jordan Stationery Company.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby requested to notify the United States Express Company to appear before the Board of Appeals in cases of taxation on January 3d, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. and show cause why they should not be assessed for personal property for the purpose of taxes of 1888 and 1889.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to submit to this Board at its next meeting a detailed statement of the monies received from the State Treasurer for railroad tax and also from adjusted taxes and assessments together with the disposition of the same.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, December 27, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk concerning an error in taxes.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from Thomas F. Noonan, stating that he will have the compiled and revised charter ready for the printer early next year.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of J. C. Besson, receiver for the Argus Publishing Company, of $28.50 for printing.

Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of John A. Blair of $37.84 for disbursements as Corporation Counsel from February 7 to June 28, 1888.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from December 21 to 27, 1888, both days included, to be $299,182.15.

Received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Harriet Romaine for return of money paid in error on taxes of 1888.

JERSEY City, Dec. 26, 1888.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In this matter the petitioner has no legal right to demand the repayment of any moneys from the city. She voluntarily and without protest paid the tax bills as presented.

If there was an error she should have discovered it before payment. You probably have power to refund if you think any great injustice is being done, but otherwise it will be a bad precedent.

Very truly,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received from Dennis McLaughlin, County Clerk, Reports Nos. 25 and 27 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment:

No. 25 amounting to $57,069.32.

No. 27 amounting to $50,488.45.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Comptroller:

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 27, 1888.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In answer to resolution passed by your Board on December 20, 1888, requesting the comptroller to furnish a statement of the monies received from the State Treasurer for railroad taxes, and also from adjusted taxes and assessments together with the disposition of the same, I have to reply that the city has received account railroad taxes from the State the following amounts:

Account taxes of 1884-85.....	$133,103 22
Account taxes of 1885-86.....	182,347 74
Account taxes of 1886-87	179,835 76
Account taxes of 1887-88.....	187,281 04
Total.....	$676,567 76

In accordance with resolution passed by your Board at the time of fixing the appropriations for the several fiscal years, their amounts were credited to the accounts known as "Interest and Sinking Funds" for the several years. The total amount collected, account adjusted, taxes assessments and water rents, is $652,193.38, of this amount $413,714.42 was deposited in general account in the banks and used for general purposes in accordance with Section 3, folio 9, of the "Martin Act," $79,643.58 has been deposited in a special account in the banks and not used, $34,347.28 was deposited in the Sinking Fund of 1873 as collected, and $23,781.25 in water account.

Respectfully,

S. D. DICKINSON,
Comptroller.

Received and ordered spread at large on the minutes, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting an extra appropriation of $1,086.76, to pay claims for repairs to public schools:

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, ordering paid certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assesments, foreman, etc., hydrants, November, 1888, $733.33.

2. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoir, repairing main on meadows, November, 1888, $277.

3. Pay-roll Repairs over street openings, October, 1888, $187.

4. Pay-roll repairs over street openings, November, 1888. $168.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of January, 1889, interest:

On General Account.....	$65,730
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment bonds.....	42,805
On Water Account.....	57,315

By Mr. Hardenbergh.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars, ($30,000) to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $20.000, on account of county tax for the year 1888.

By Mr. Datz.

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to cancel of record the lieu for taxes of 1864 and 1865 upon lots 14 and 15, Bramhall

avenue, block 561, as filed by the Commissioners of Adjustment for the reason that the record for said years show a double assessment and a payment for said years by Francis Jenkins, the owner.

By Mr. Jordan.

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be requested to report to this Board at his earliest convenience, upon the condition of the Thirteenth street sewer and an estimation of the cost to put it in proper repair.

By President Edelstein:

Resolved, That a temporary loan bond be issued under the corporation seal of the city and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk for the sum of $18,605.52 in accordance with a resolution of this Board dated December 4, 1888, providing for deficiencies in police salaries.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct the books of the Second District on file in his office by charging to the Erie Railroad Company the property known as block 17, pier 4 E. northeast Pavonia avenue, $30,000 now assessed to the Wells, Fargo Express Company, and that a tax bill be sent to the Erie Railroad Company.

The same Committee reported the regular monthly pay-roll, the pay-roll for extra Clerks and Commissioners, recommending that warrants be ordered drawn in accordance with the resolutions.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of the salaries of extra clerks for the month of December, 1888, when due, to wit:

John McCutcheon	$70 00
Stephen Egan	100 00

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Charles S. Westervelt for the sum of $30 being for extra services itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment, for the month of December, 1888.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the term of office of John A. Blair as Corporation Counsel of this city, terminate on the 31st day of December, instant.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein and Mr. Warren.

Nays—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 3, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of S. H. Davis, for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Miss Smith, for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of A. A. Vreeland for correction of map.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of the Jersey City Herald of $21, for advertising.

Claim of P. H. Hanley for two hair cushings, $6.

Claim of P. H. Nugent of $20, for disbursements.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasurer from December 28, 1888, to January 3, 1889, both days included to be $109,400.73.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Chief Engineer in reference to the condition of the Thirteenth street sewer.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $1,500 from the account of cleaning streets to the account of salary of Street Commissioner.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll, Pumping and Reservoir, October, 1888, $3,169.82.
2. Pay roll, Water Rates and Assessments, October, 1888, $560.
3. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1888, $525.
4. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1888, $350.32.
5. Purchase of supplies.
6. Awarding to Henry Byrnes contract for cleaning streets and removing ashes and garbage.
7. Advertising for water pipe.
8. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the following members:

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected President pro tem.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMTTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of B. J. Waters, for retained percentage, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of B. J. Waters for the sum of $210.09, being amount of retained per centage on contract for re-constructing sewer in Montgomery street, and that the said payment be charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board.

The same committee reported on claim of John A. Blair for disbursements, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John A. Blair for the sum of $37.84 for disbursements as Corporation Counsel from February 7 to June, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, repairing water pipe, &c., November, 1888, $1,519.75.
2. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, repairing water pipe. &c., October, 1888, $46.
3. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, foreman, storekeeper, &c , November, 1888, $623.33.
4. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, November, 1888, $1,605.
5. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipe, &c., November, 1888, $302.
6. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, repairing gates, &c., November, 1888, $471.
7. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, November, 1888, $360.
8. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, re-assessors, November, 1888, $450.
9. Construction of a sewer in Hooker avenue, 50 feet easterly from Ocean avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Avenue E.
10. Awarding contract to P. T. Plunkett for the improvement of Cambridge avenue, from Franklyn to Hutton street.
11. Awarding contract to M. Shannon for the improvement of Chestnut avenue, from Newark avenue to Pennsylvania Railroad cut.
12. Awarding contract to M. Shannon for repairing Morris street, from Greene to Washington street.
13. Improvement of Terrace avenue from the northerly side of Reserve avenue to the southerly side of Lincoln street.
14. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Harriett Romain for the sum of $29.38, being amount paid in excess on lots 6 to 10, block 1,413 for taxes of 1888.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cite the L. and M. Rubber Co., to appear before the Board of Commissioners of Appeals and show cause why they should not be assessed for personal property on lot A, block 149 Provost street.

drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 10, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Isaac Romaine for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Clark & Ege for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Carroll and Sweeney of $100 for coal.

Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, January 4 to 10, 1889, both days included, to be $59,315.80.

Received and ordered filed.

Requisition from the City Marshall for coal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection, Report No. 29 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $26,139.42.

Received and filed

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received from the Board of Public Works for collection the following Assessment map:

Sewer in Tonnele avenue, Bergen square, to Magnolia avenue, amounting to $4,243.82.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1888, $489.
2. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1888, $733.33.
3. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions December, 1888, $184.
4. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, December, 1888, $623 33.
5. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, December, 1888, $2,140.50.
6. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, December, 1888, $1,490.50.
7. Purchase of supplies.
8. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $325 to repair Public School No. 19 recommending that the same be returned to the Board of Public Works.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works asking for an appropriation of $1,086.76 to pay claims for repairs to public schools, also resolution requesting an appropriation of $3,000 to repair streets paved with cobble stones recommending that they be returned to the Board of Public Works, this Board having no authority to make said appropriation.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works asking an appropriation of $125 to pay for extra work on engine house on Mercer street, recommending that the same be granted and the amount charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the votes by which were adopted January 3, 1889, the following resolution to wit:

1. For construction of a sewer in Hooker avenue.
2. Awarding to P. F. Plunkett the contract for improvement of Cambridge avenue.
3. Improvement of Terrace avenue.
4. Ordering paid certain pay-rolls.
5. Ordering paid certain claims.

Be and the same are hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Advertise for water pipe.
2. Awarding contract to J. H. Keeney for rebuilding sewer in Thirteenth street.
3. Awarding contract to Henry Byrnes for cleaning streets, &c.
4. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1888, $471.
5. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1888, $360.
6. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, November, 1888, $450.
7. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, November, 1888, $623 33.
8. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, November, 1888, $302.
9. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, October, 1888, $46.
10. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, November, 1888, $1,519.75.
11. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, November, 1888, $1,605.
12. Odering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

$27.60 to Miss Mary F. Smith, amount paid twice on taxes of 1871, on lots 5 and 6, block 206.

$23.85 to Frank L. Clark, Attorney for P. S. Johnson, amount paid in error on lot 44, block 560.

$154.29 to George R. McKenzie, amount paid in error on taxes of 1888, lot 25, block 345.

$71.52 to S. H. Davis, being amount paid twice for taxes of 1888, on lots 29, 30, 31, block 1422.

$53.12 to Steger & Gopsill, being amount paid twice on lot 1, block 735, taxes of 1888.

On petition of the estate of Kyle, recommending that an assessment for West Side avenue improvement on lot C, block 607, amounting to $125, be cancelled off record.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously:

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims.

$140 to A. Datz, $11.99, $11.53, $10.01, $9 60, $5.16. $8.53, $4.23, $13.81, $23.80. $21.87, $26 90, $21.34 and $16.58 to the American District Telegraph Co.; $25.15, $40.85, $44.50, $20.90 and $85.35 to the N. Y. and N. J. Telepone Co.; $233.84 to W. W. Farrier, $27.65 to W. D. Connell, $17 and $302.15 to C. H. Scott.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of $616.31 be transferred from the Contingent Fund to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, Board of Finance and Taxation fiscal year 1887 and 1888.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $2,500 to be expended under contract in rebuilding sewer in Thirteenth street from Provost street to Bulkhead and that a bond for $2,500 for such purpose be issued signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and under the city seal at a rate of interest not to exceed four per centum per annum, and that the amount be placed in the next tax levy as provided by act of the Legislature. Approved March 31, 1882.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct upon the books in his office the item for taxes of 1888 against lot 27, block 282, by reducing the valuation of personal property from $22,000 to $19,000; and further

Resolved, That a warrant for $88.14 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Charles H. O'Neill, being amount paid in excess on personal property in the Third District.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That the Legal officers of this city be and they are hereby directed to draft a suitable bill to be presented to the Legislature and providing for the payment of certain claims incurred by the Board of Public Works during the years, 1881-82.

On motion, the Board ajourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 17, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were laid over for approval.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Henry Puster, Attorney for W. J. Burns requesting payment of a judgment.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of the United Gas and Improvement Company of $34.05 for gas consumed in City Hall during December, 1888.

Claims of Carroll & Sweeney of $110 for coal delivered at City Hall.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from January 11 to 17, 1889, both days included to be $56,171 78.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners, requesting transfer of $500 from the account of the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons for the months of March, April, May, June, July and August, to the account of the same committee for the month of February, fiscal year 1888 and 1889.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $60, from the account of repairs to unpaved streets, to the account of reconstruction fiscal year 1888-89.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $300 for manholes in Bright street.

All the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Purchase of supplies.
2. Ordering paid certain claims.
3. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, November, 1888, $1,318.12.
4. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, December, 1888, $1,287.51.
5 Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoirs, November, 1888, $3,208.75.
6. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, December, 1888, $2,213.22.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of Henry Puster, Attorney for W J. Burns, requesting the payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Puster, attorney for W. J. Burns for the sum of $97.78, being amount of judgment and costs recovered in the First District Court.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting an extra appropriation for the reconstruction of Streets and Sewers recommenning the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved that the resotution adopted by the Board of Public Works December 10, 1888 requesting an appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers be returned to the Board of Public works for the reason that no appropriations exists from which such appropriation can be taken. The same committee reported on claim of P. N. Nugent for disbursements recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of P. H. Nugent, for the snm of $20, being amount of disbursements as City Treasurer,

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the regular order of business be dispensed with and that this Board consider the following resolutions:

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted December 20, 1888, the resolution non concurring in thr action of the Board of Public Works in awarding to J. H. Cutley the contract for repaving Mercer street be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That this Board do now return to the regular order of business.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolution be concurred in:

1. Awarding to J. H. Cutley the contract for repaving Mercer street.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct upon the books in his office the assessment against lots 6 to 10, block 1413, for taxes of 1888, by making the valuation $875.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of the following claims to be charged to special appropriation for night schools:

$13.25 to George E. Mott for printing.

$14.60 to B. Wittecke for supplies.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions be authorized to procure steam heating apparatus for the new engine house on Linden avenue at a cost not to ex-

ceed $500, such amount when expended to be charged to the appropriation made August 24, 1888, for the construction of said engine house.

By Mr. Datz:

Whereas, The investigations into tax assessments made necessary by the great number of appeals referred to the members of this Board have developed many inequalities and injustices in valuations, and

Whereas, It is encumbent upon this Board to see that justice is done to all tax-payers by an equitable assessment, therefore

Resolved, That a special committee of three members of this Board be appointed, whose duty it shall be to consider all matters pertaining to the levying of assessments for taxes, and devise some plan by which the work of the assessors may be simplified, a more equitable system of fixing values determined upon, and the entire work so revised that the present objectionable features may, as far as possible, be removed, the report of said committee to be embodied in a bill to be prepared for presentation to the Legislature.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION.

[OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS]

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 24, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of January 10th and 17th, 1889, was dispensed with and they were laid over.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation to attend the annual ball of the J. C. and B. R. R. Mutual Aid Society.

Received and accepted with thanks.

Petition of O. Cleveland to have water rents corected.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Sunday Morning News of $8, for advertising.

Claim of the Sunday Morning News of $11, for advertising.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from January 18th to 24th, 1889, both days included to be $38,716.35.

Received and ordered filed.

Requisition from the Board of Adjustment requesting an appropriation of $5,000 to defray the current expenses.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to pay the claim of Dennis Byrnes of $275 for building culvert on North street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Opening of Neptune avenue, from Bergen to Ocean avenue.

2. Construction of a sewer in Zabriskie street, from Central avenue to a point about 115 feet east of Summit avenue.

3. Awarding to T. J. McKenna contract for iron water pipe.

4. Purchase of supplies.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the following members present:

President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Improvement of Summit avenue from South street to Patterson avenue.

2. Awarding contract to Michael Mullery for sewer in Neptune avenue, from 60 feet south of Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue.

3. Improvement of Terrace avenue from the northerly side of Reserve avenue to the southerly side of Lincoln street.

4. Awarding to P. T. Plunkett the contract for improvement of Cambridge avenue from Franklin street to Hutton street.

5. Construction of a sewer in Hooker avenue, from 50 feet easterly from Ocean avenue to and connecting with sewer in Avenue E.

6. Pay-roll Pumping and Reservoir, High Service and Belleville, October, 1888, $3,169.62.

Ordering paid the following claims:

$85 and $90 be paid to Vanderbeek & Sons; $81 and $72.50, $118.50 $140, $121, $75.50 and $129 to Connors & Conlon; $37.70 and $24.65 to P. E. Martin; $377.57 and $489.97 to Theo. Smith & Bro.; $120.40 to C. Steck & Son; $18.65 to D. J. Cambring; $130.30 to the New York and New Jersey Telephone Co.; $458.24 and $462.64 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.; $98.40 to Edward McDermott; $1,166.10 to the Hackensack Water Co.; $6.88 and $72.55 to Henry R. Worthington; $21.38 and $166.30 to Wood & Menagh; $130.50 to W. J. Cosgrove; $43.51, $57.55 and $32.49 to Dugan & Fitzsimmons; $12 20 to Hudson River Ice Co.; $62.35 and $49 75 to J. J. O'Hara; $18 to N. J. S. C. and R. Co.; $3.40 to Savage & Callary; $14 to James Sullivan; $28.60 to James L. McEntee; $60.50 to Macbride & Snell; $15 to Earle & Harrison; $24 to John C. Besson Receiver of The Argus Printing Co.; $11 to Kasper Kern; $12 to John A. Gill; $64.35 to Austin & Wilbur; $24 to Robert Donshea; $58 to Albert Datz; $20.35 to B. F. Corduan; $35 to Mary Hatfield; $1.20 to Washburne & Bro.; $29.77 to Thomas Doyle; $12 to Taylor Reed; $119.02 to John F. Connolly; $3 to Jersey City Herald; $30.70 to S. W. Anness; $164.20 to C. A. Woolsey; $67.44 to Weebold & Runge; $252, $40, $25.40 and $32 to The Argus Printing Co.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the following petitions:

On petition of C. Blauvelt, recommending that $32.10 be returned, being amount paid twice on water rents of 1888, on lot 466 and 466, block 817.

On petition of A. Van Horne, Attorney for J. Haggerty, recommending that $16 be returned to Abraham Van Horne, Attorney for J. Haggerty, being amount paid twice on lot 35, block 497, water rents of 1887.

On petition of Isaac Romaine, Attorney for Annie P. Outwater, recommending that $24.85 be returned, being amount paid twice on water rents of 1888, on plot 11, block 1,433, Avenue E.

On petition of Clark & Ege, recommending that $11.86 be returned to Clark & Ege, being amount paid in error for taxes of 1888, on lots 135 and 136, block 629.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims.

$31.20 to the American District Telegraph Co.; $28.50 to J. C. Besson, Receiver for the Argus; $48 to the Argus; $217.95, $200, $90.90, $122 to the Jordan Stationery Co.; $144 and $44.50 to A. Datz; $21 to the Jersey City Herald; $21.50 to A. T. Witter; $23.55 to New York and New Jersey Telephone Co.

The yeas and nays having been called

on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of school houses in cities of the first-class in this State," approved February 13, 1883, and the supplements thereto, the sum of $35,200 be borrowed from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the purpose of constructing School House No. 22 on Halladay street, and that bonds be executed by the Mayor and Aldermen under the Corporate seal of the city in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund payable as follows:

One due December 1, 1889, for $14,000; one due December 1, 1890, for $13,000; one due December 1, 1891, for $8,200, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize cities in this State to erect buildings to be used for fire department purposes and to provide for the payment and costs of erection," approved April 5, 1887, and supplement thereto approved February 28, 1888, the sum of $6,000 be borrowed from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the purpose of constructing a building for fire department purposes, and that bonds be issued for said amount with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum and payable January 1, 1895.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the sum of $1,350 (the said amount having been appropriated in the tax levy of 1888—89), to establish a sinking fund for the payment of the principal and interest of $6,000, six years, four per cent. engine house bonds, due January 1, 1895, in accordance with an act of the Legislature approved February 28, 1888.

By Mr. Jordan:

Whereas, There remains to the credit of special bond account No. 2 the sum of $24,300.87, being the proceeds from the sale of bonds due April 1, 1911, issued to pay the difference between old and new assessments, and all claims properly payable by this account having been satisfied and the sinking fund of 1882, No. 1, having been established for the payment of this issue of bonds; therefore be it

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the sum of $24,300.87 to transfer that amount from Special Bond Account No. 2 to the Sinking Fund of 1882, No. 1 account.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $22,000 to transfer that amount from General Account to Special Bond Account No. 2, to return balance of loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) on account of county tax for the year 1888.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of February, 1889, interest.

On General Account.....,.....$40,590.00
On Water Account..... 14,625 00

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested to report to this Board what moneys, if any, are now in bank subject to interest, requisitions and coupons, which have been issued but never presented for payment.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to notify the Board of Public Works that the Board of Finance and Taxation will attend at the office of said Board of Public Works on Wednesday afternoon, January 30, 1889, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of investigating certain claims and pay-rolls now in the hands of this Board, and requesting that the Chief Engineer, Street Commissioner and all foremen in the employ of the Board, be requested to be present at that time.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Borad be requested to notify George B. Lacarro, the tenant of city property at the corner of Newark and Railroad avenues, that hereafter he must pay rent for said premises to the City Treasurer direct until further notice from this Board.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to transmit to this Board an opinion as to the power and right of the Board of Public Works to use the money receipts of the Morgan street dock as they may deem necessary other than by turning it into the City Treasury.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries for the month of January, 1889, in accordance with the resolution of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of this Board held January 17th, 1889, requesting the appointment of a committee to devise some plan by which the work of the Assessors may be simplified, etc., the President appointed as such committee Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held in the City Hall Thursday, January 24th, 1889, at 9:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of $27,000 be loaned from the Sinking Fund of 1882, No. 1, and the sum of $8,200 from the Sinking Fund of 1882, No. 2, to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City upon school house bonds issued for the sum of $35,200, payable as follows:

$14,000 on December 1, 1889; $13,000 on December 1, 1890; $8,200 on December 1, 1891; in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation adopted January 24, 1895, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of school houses in cities of

the first-class in this State." Approved February 18, 1883, and the supplement thereto.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund establish a sinking fund to be called Sinking Fund of 1888, for the payment of principal and interest of $6,000, six years, four per cent, Engine House bonds, due January 1, 1895, in accordance with an Act of the Legislature, approved February 28, 1888; and further,

Resolved, That $1,350, the amount of the warrant ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer by the Board of Finance and Taxation in favor of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, be placed to the credit of said account.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the sum of $3,000 be loaned from the Sinking Fund of 1882, No. 1, and the sum of $2,000 from the Sinking Fund of 1873, and the sum of $1,000 from the Sinking Fund of 1888, to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City upon Engine House bonds issued for the sum of $6,000, payable January 1, 1895, in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation adopted January 24, 1889, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature, entitled "An Act to authorize cities in this State to erect buildings to be used for fire department purposes, and to provide the payment and cost of erection." Approved April 5, 1889, and Supplement thereto approved February 28, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, held in the Hudson County National Bank, Monday, January 7, 1889.

Present—All the members.

The Clerk being absent, Mr. Datz acted as Clerk pro tem.

President Edelstien offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That Messrs. Jordan and Hardenbergh be authorized to purchase $250,000 of Jersey City seven per cent. bonds due July 1, 1889, at such rate as may net the city two per cent. on the investment.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

E. E. DATZ,
Acting Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 31, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present— Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. Jordan, the reading of the minutes of the meetings held January 10, 17 and 24, 1889, was dispensed and they were laid over for approval.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Wenner Bruns, Attorney, the estate of Lignon, requesting payment of an award for land taken for the opening of Ocean avenue.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of John McNally requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city in the First District Court.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of Joseph Eager for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $74 for printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of William Robertson of $450 for repairs to Engine House on Erie street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from January 25th to 31st, 1889, to be $42,670.88.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Treasurer stating that there was remaining to the credit of the several interest accounts of Jersey City, which are subject to interest, requisitions or coupons, the sum of $21,732.50.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector, stating that he had received for collection the following assessment map:

Sewer in Webster avenue, from Griffith to Bowers street, amounting to $2,163.19.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel stating that the judgment recovered against the city by Charles Stivers, amounting to $54.52 must be vacated and set aside.

Received and referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel:

Jersey City, January 30, 1889.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN.—In reply to your resolution of inquiry as to the right of the Board of Public Works to use the money received from Morgan street dock as they may deem necessary I respectfully advise you that the law requires that the fees for the use of all bulkheads, docks, wharves, and piers shall be collected under the direction of the Board of Public Works and by that Board paid into the City Treasury for the use of the City.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN A. BLAIR,

Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting an appropriation of $2,000 for the maintenance of night schools.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims:

1. Requesting an appropriation of $264.20 to pay for extra work on Engine House No. 11.

2. Requesting that a fund be provided to pay for cleaning the streets and removing the ashes and garbage prior to the awarding of the contract for doing said work.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to John Tully for hauling stone to repair Tonnele avenue, from the County Road to Newark avenue.

2. Construction of a 24-inch brick sewer in Summit avenue, from St. Pauls avenue to and connecting with sewer in Newark avenue.

3. Improvement of Beacon avenue from Oakland to Palisade avenue.

4 Authorizing the purchase of certain supplies.

5. Pay-roll P. and R. engineers at Bellevill and High Service, December, 1888, $5,172.53.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes. On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Adjustment requesting an appropriation of $5,000, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Commissioners of Adjustment for the sum of $5,000, to be taken out of monies collected under adjustments and to be applied to the payment of expenses of carrying out the provisions of the act authorizing the appointment of said Commissioners of Adjustment.

The same committee reported on petition of John McNally, requesting the payment of a judgment recovered against the city, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John McNally for the sum of $52.52, being amount of judgment and costs obtained against the city in the First District Court of Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract for about 500 lengths of cast iron water pipe to T. J. McKenna at the price named in his bid, viz:

Delivered at Morgan street dock, $26.20.

Delivered at Central R. R. Local Station, $25.70.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the report of the committee was received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and As-

sessments reported on petition of the estate of R. R. Parker, for return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending that the sum of $63 be returned to the estate of R. R. Parker, being amount paid in error on water rents of 1881 to 1887 inclusive, ($9 each year), on lot 22, block 309, No. 118 Wayne street.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the reports of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000) to transfer that amount from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of the extra clerks for the month of January, 1888, when due, viz.:

Stephen Egan..... .....$100
John McCutchen.... 70

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of C. S. Westervelt for the sum of $30, being for extra services in itemizing reports of the Commissioners of Adjustment for the month of January, 1889.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, February 14, 1889, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Clerk having read the call the Board proceeded to the transaction of regular business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of J. C. Copper requesting payment of a judgment recovered in the Second District Court against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co. of $23.95, for rent of instrument and tollage in Mayor's office from October 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889.

Claim of William Gorrill of $30.50, for ice delivered at City Hall from December 1 to February 1, 1889.

Claim of Phillip E. Martin of $11 50, for repairing stoves, &c., in City Hall.

Claim of W. W. Farrier of $111.71, for plumbing work in City Hall.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co., of $32.70, for gas consumed in City Hall during January, 1889.

Claim of the Argus Printing Co., of $24, for printing.

Claim of the N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., of $24.65 for rent of instrument and tollage, from September 1, 1888 to January 1, 1889.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing Stationary and supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasurer, February 1, to 7, 1889, to be $68,975.97.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, February 7 to 13, 1889 to be $37,207.93.

Both were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection from the Clerk of Hudson county Report No. 30, made by the Commissioners of Adjustment, amounting to $30,530.40.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Improvement of Baldwin avenue, from Newark avenue to High street.

2. Awarding contract to Thos. Cavanagh for construction of a sewer in Congress street, 25 feet easterly from Durham to Pierce avenue.

3 Purchase of certain supplies.

4. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, Water Registrar and Clerks, January, 1889, $2,269.78.

5. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water January, 1889, $315.46.

6. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessment, repairing water gates, January, 1889, $679.

7. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, foremen and reassessors, January, 1889, $525.

8. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, repairs to hydrants, January, 1889, $759,33.

9. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, January, 1889, $947,75.

10. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, repairing over water pipe, January, 1889. $176.

11. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, repairing over pipe, January, 1889, $1,934,75,

12. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions. foremen and storekeeper, January, 1889, $623,33.

13. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMTTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution ordering paid salaries of teachers and janitors of night schools for the months of December, 1888 and January, 1889, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of teachers and janitors of night schools for the months of December, 1888, and January, 1889, aggregating $1,000, in accordance with lists certified to this Board by the Board of Education.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $60 from the account of repairs to unpaved streets to account of reconstruction, both fiscal year, 1888-89, Board of Public Works.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $2,000 from the account of station houses and prisons, $500 from each of the months of March, April, May and June to the account of station houses and prisons, month of February, 1889, Board of Police Commissioners, fiscal year, 1888–89.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Aves—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

For the improvement of Baldwin avenue, from Newark avenue to High street.

Ordering paid the following pay rolls:

Water Rates and Assessments, repairs to water gates, October 1888, $560.

Extensions and Distributions, Repairs to water pipe, March, 1888, $1,899.

Pumping and Reservoirs, High Service and Belleville, Nov. 1888, $3,208.75.

Pumping and Reservoirs, extra men, Nov. 1888, $1,381.12.

Pumping and Reservoirs, carpenter, etc., Dec. 1888, $1,287.51.

Water Rates and Assessments, repairing hydrants. Dec. 1888, $733.33.

Water Rates and Assessments, reassessing, Dec. 1888, $525.

Water Rates and Assessments, repairing gates, Dec. $489.

Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, Dec. 1888, $350.32.

Water Rates and Assessments, registrars, etc., Dec. 1888, $2,213.22.

Pumping and Reservoirs, repairing hydrants, Dec. 1888, $1,490.50.

Extension and Distributions, repairing over pipe, Dec. 1888, $184.

Extension and Distributions, laying pipe, Dec. 1888, $2,140.50

Extension and Distributions, foremen, etc., Dec. 1888, $623.33.

Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, April, 1888, $90.00.

The same committees reported, recommending that the following claims be concurred in:

$493, $469, $485 to H. V. Sloat, $53.22 to M. Mascell, $30 55 to M. Kelly, $54 to J. Kulpenspies, $33.20 to J. P. Smith, $200 to John Davey, $11 to P. Hagan, $96 to J. McMahan, $405 and $405 to A. Reinhardt, $105 to T. Morren, $20 to J. F. Larkins, $20 to T. Moran, $50 to Thomas Shea, $99 to W. Watson, $50 to J. Dold, $112.93 and $159 to J. C. Kattell, $36 and $16 to J. McCartny, $195 to James Tumulty, $405 to A. Reinhardt, $113.26 to J. C. Kattell, $60, $12, $168 and $210 to James Tumulty, $224.55 to J. C. Kattell, $72 to J. Dold, $324, $378, $240 to P. E. Martin, $446.58, $447.66, $447.53 to A. Reinhardt, $38.50 and $35 to F. Mandler, $27.15 to J. Schellenberger. $110.20 to John Davey, $6 to John Kline, $6 to F. Caulfield, $14.10 to F. J. Metricker, $10 to E. Brauer, $6 to T. Kelly, $6 to M Lyons, $82.50 to Connors & Conlon, $55 to United Gas and Improvement Co., $348 16 to M. Daly, $60 to Edwards & Walker, $168.36 to J. F. Connolly, $40.10 to F. Mandler, $24.50 to J. Schellenberger, $18 to Thomas Cavanagh, $75 to John Dold, $50 to J. Zieben, $52 to T. Macken, $112.48 to J. C. Kattell, $50 to J. Whelan, $50 to T. Reardon, $75 to C. Freeman, $91.39 to N. J. C. S. and R. Co., $16 and $10 to W. Walls, $18 and $65 to J. Baxter, $22.25 and $17.45 to Noonan & Maguire, $122.25 and $35.15 to S. W. Anness, $107.78 to P. E. Martin, $8.55 to United Gas and Improvement Co., $185.75 to Callahan & Gartlan, $18 to M. Feeley, $28.40 to Vanderbeek & Son, $60.87 to J. F. Connolly, $105 to B. McGuiness, $48 to T. McNeill, $18 to J. Brody, $100 to P. Cain, $65 to W. Lyons, $86 to M. O'Neill, $75 to J. F. O. Sullivan, $25.80 to P. Tumulty, $13.50 to Robert Donshea, $46.50 to J. P. Hall, $33.66 to S. W. Anness, $54 and $48 to Thomas Kelly.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the rssolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, and Warren.

Nays—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $50,000 on account of county tax for the year 1888.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Datz:

Whereas, There remains in bank to the credit of interest and coupons the sum of over $21,000, a large portion of which has been there for several years; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all such moneys which have remained lying uncalled for, for over two years, be transferred to the general account; further

Resolved, That if any of such coupons or interest claims be presented for payment that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and authorized to honor and pay such claims.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be and they are hereby tendered to John A. McGrath for the efficient manner in which he guarded the interests of the people in the Seacaucus Bond case; and

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to draft suitable resolutions for presentation to Mr. McGrath.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Datz and carried.

Moved, That when this Board adjourn it will adjourn to meet Thursday, February 21st, 1889, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, February 27, 1889, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

The Clerk read the called which was signed by the President and which was for the transaction of regular business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas to parties interested in the estates of W. I. Negus and William B. C. Carpenter for settlement of accounts.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Emmons & Co., in relation to moneys paid twice on water rents.

Petition of Frank Rochrenbeck for correction of an adjustment.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of George C. Doyle of $19.20 for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co., of $7.28 for messenger service during the months of October, November and December, 1888.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co., of $20 26 for messenger service for months of October, November and December, 1888, for Mayor's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the committte on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from February 23 to 26, 1889, both days included to be $118,286,37.

Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of Frank Bliem as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000 with Charles A. Lohmann and John Bliem as sureties.

Official Bond of Joseph Buckridge as Inspector of Scales, Weighes and Measures in the sum of $1,000 with William Bannon and James E. Kelly as sureties

Official Bond of James Cox as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000 with John Snell and Albert Datz as sureties.

Official Bond of John J. Hanlon as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures in the sum of $1,000 with Thomas Fitzsimons and Hugh Dugan as sureties.

All the above bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting the sale for taxes of 1872 of plot 3,990 feet, block 625 be cancelled of record.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissions requesting transfers.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting an appropriation of $300 to pay for repairing the iron fence guard on Mountain Road.

Communication from the Board of Public Works, enclosing copy of communication of Chief Engineer in relation to a new pumping station.

Communication from the Board of Public Works, enclosing copy of communication from the Chief Engineer relative to the water used for public purposes.

Both the above communications were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. For the opening of Prescott Place, from Park street to Crescent avenue.
2. Purchase of supplies.
3. Asking an appropriation of $500 for repairs to School No. 21.
4. Advertise for iron pipe.
5. To purchase supplies.
6. Ordering paid claims of M. O'Rourke.
7. Ordering paid certain claims.

Communication from E. J. Anderson:

P. H. Nugent, Esq., City Treasurer, Jersey City:

DEAR SIR—In pursuance of the requirements of Section eleven of "An Act to revise and amend an act for the taxation of railroad and canal property approved April 10th 1884, which act was approved March, 27th, 1888, I hand you herewith a certificate showing the amounts of taxes assessed against railroad and canal property for 1889, for the use of the taxing district of Jersey City, Hudson county, and paid into the State Treasury. This certificate shows the amount to be $100,078.93 for which sum I enclose herewith a warrant. Upon the return of the warrant with your signature as City Treasurer to the receipt a check will be forwarded.

Very respectfully,
E. J. ANDERSON.
Comptroller.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Comptroller, showing the balances to the credit of P H. Nugent, City Treasurer, February 27, 1889,

ON GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Hudson Co. National Bank.....	$48,236 39
Second National Bank.....	44,171 08
Third National Bank.....	30,293 93
Total on General Account....	$122,701 40

ON WATER ACCOUNT.

Hudson Co. National Bank.....	$1,582 26
Second National Bank.....	470 51
Total on Water Account	$2,052 77

ON FUND 1873 ACCOUNT.

Hudson Co. National Bank.....	$41,118 97
Second National Bank.....	40,460 70
Total on Fund 1873 Account..	$ 81,579 67

ON ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

Hudson Co. National Bank.... ..	$14,546 75

ON ADJUSTED TAXES, 1875 TO 1887.

Hudson Co. National Bank.....	$42,266 87

Received and ordered filed.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Carroll & Sweeney, recommending the adoption of the following resolution;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Carroll & Sweeney for the sum of $110 for coal delivered at City Hall.

The ayes and nays being called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Nays—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $19,000 to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan for the payment of March, 1889, water interest.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $20,000 to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of March, 1888, interest account.

On General account.....	$5,600.00
On General account to pay interest on assessment bonds.....	1,592.50
On Water account.....	19,145.00

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries for the month of February, 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Datz.

On motion, the Board then adjourned to meet Thursday, March 7, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Meeting of the Sinking Fund Commissioners held in the City Hall, Wednesday, February 27th, 1889, at 10:30 o'clock, a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Datz.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That Commissioners Jordan, Warren and Datz be and they are hereby empowered to purchase Jersey City bonds for the use of the Sinking Funds in such amounts as the condition of the said Funds shall warrant, provided said committee shall be satisfied that such purchase shall be to the best interest of the city.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Messrs. Datz and Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

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Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 7, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein, and Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the special meeting held February 27, 1889, was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Mrs. T. M. Corwin for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Metta Brasse to have taxes and water rents cancelled.

Petition of Vredenburgh & Garretson for cancellation of tax sales

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Sunday Morning News of $15 for advertising.

Claim of The Argus of $8 for printing.

Claim of The Argus of $1.20 for printing.

Claim of The Argus of $15 for printing.

Claim of William Gorrell of $15 for ice.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co., of $14.20 for messenger service to City Collector's office

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of Benjamin J. Downer, of $20 for taking testimony in the matter of the investigation into the Sinking Funds of Jersey City.

Claim of Collins & Corbin of $21.72 for taxed costs in the case of the State, Mary E. Van Winkle, prosector vs. Jersey City.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Marshal for coal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, March 1st to 7th, both days included, to be $45,445.68.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received from the Clerk of Hudson Co., Report No 31 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment amounting to $27,110.62

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen in reference to cleaning the streets of Jersey City.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Education enclosing pay-rolls for night schools for the month of February, 1889.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Education enclosing claims of Wood & Menagh for supplies furnished night schools and requesting this Board to pay the same.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting that this Board appropriate the sum of $11,275, for the purpose of reconstructing engine house on Palisade avenue between South and Congress streets into a public school.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

President Edelstein appeared and took his seat.

The Board reassembled the following members present:

President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan & Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenberg.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported recommending that the following official bonds of Inspectors of scales, weights, and measures, be approved, spread-at-large on the bond book and filed.

Joseph H. Buckridge, Daniel J. Smith, James Cox, John J. Hanlon and Frank Bliem.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was received and the recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Construction of a 24-inch oval brick sewer in Summit avenue, from St Pauls avenue to and connecting with sewer in Newark avenue.

2. Awarding contract to John Tully for hauling stone on Tonnelle avenue, from the County Road to Newark avenue.

3. Improvement of Beacon avenue, from Oakland to Palisade avenue.

4 Resolution increasing pay of coal passers $5 per month.

5. Pay-roll, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, engineers, etc., at Belleville and High Service, December, 1888, amounting to $3,172.58.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

$124 95 be paid to William Brinkerhoff, attorney, for William Eager, being amount paid twice on water rents for 1885, 1886 and 1887, on lot 4, block 353.

$16.89 to Mrs. S. A. Blodgett, being amount paid twice on lot 100, block 605, for water rents of 1888.

$5.00 to Mrs. T. M. Corwin, being amount overpaid on water rent, as follows, $3.00 on 1887 and $2.00 on 1888, lots Nos. 122 and 123 block 199 Grove Street.

$79.56 to Jacob Weart executor, being amount paid twice on taxes of 1883 on lots 1 to 39 inclusive block 301.

$26.68 to John T. McLaughlin, being amount paid on personal tax of 1876, at No. 32 York street.

$112.75 to the Hudson County Land and Improvement Co., being amount paid in error

on lot 1, block 1364, Old Bergen Road taxes of 1888.

$5 to John Havs, being amount paid in error on water rents as follows: $3 in 1885, and $1 in 1886 on lot "17 and" 18, block 706, Waverly street.

$17 46 to Enos Pyle, being amount paid twice on water rents for 1888, on lot 27, block 413, Communipaw avenue.

The same committee reported on petition of Frank Roehrenbeck for correction of an adjustment, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel upon adjustment report No. 27, the taxes and water rents for the year 1888 on lot No. R (1), block 1367, for the reason that they were paid before said report was confirmed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the City Collector and the City Clerk be and they are hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in their office the taxes against parts 15 and 16, block 290, (alleyway) in name of Basil for years 1876 to 1884 inclusive, said assessments having been made in error.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel upon adjustment Report No. 23, the taxes against lot L, block 290, for the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1882 and 1884 for the reason that they have been paid as shown by receipt.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to request the committee recently appointed to investigate the Sinking Fund to report the result of their investigation at their earliest convenience.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record upon the books in his office the lien for taxes of 1872 upon plot or lots 38, 39, block 625, Virginia avenue, as filed by the Commissioners of Adjustment for the reason that said assessment was an error.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the report made to this Board by the City Treasurer in reference to balances in bank of money for the payment of interest requisitions and coupons was not sufficiently explicit; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be requested to furnish another such statement showing in detail when such money were payable and for what purpose the money was set aside.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday March 14, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Messrs Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected President pro tempore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from John A. McGrath in relation to services in the case of the Secaucus Road Bonds.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from John A. McGrath, Counsel for the Board of Freeholders, in reference to the arrears of taxes due from Jersey City to the county.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from Parmley, Olendorf & Fiske, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city by August Zeugner.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from Collins & Corbin Attorneys for Wood & Menagh requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $120.25 for warrant books for City Clerk.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $122 for stationery.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company of $23.55 for gas consumed in February, 1889.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $60.90 for stationery.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, from March 8, to 14, 1889, both days included to be $42,609.62.

Received and ordered filed.

Requisition from the City Marshal for coal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Treasurer:

JERSEY CITY, March 14, 1889.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the resolution adopted by your Board at the meeting held March 7, 1889, I report the balance remaining uncalled for to the credit of the several interests accounts on January 29, 1889, as follows:

May, 1875, interest	$140 00
November, 1879, interest	70 00
January, 1882, interest	105 00
March, 1883, interest	35 00
June, 1883, interest	60 00
December, 1883, interest	30 00
January, 1884, interest	30 00
May, 1884, interest	350 00
June, 1884, interest	35 00
October, 1884, interest	105 00
November, 1884, interest	35 00
December, 1884, interest	35 00
November, 1885, interest	35 00
December, 1885, interest	35 00
June, 1886, interest	70 00
July, 1886, interest	175 00
August, 1886, interest	30 00
December, 1886, interest	120 00
January, 1887, interest	70 00
May, 1887, interest	70 00
June, 1887, interest	70 00
July, 1887, interest	75 00
August, 1887, interest	25 00
September, 1887, interest	35 00
October, 1887, interest	95 00
November, 1887, interest	17 50
December, 1887, interest	195 00
January, 1888, interest	175 00
February, 1888, interest	37 50
April, 1888, interest	130 00
May, 1888, interest	437 50
June, 1888, interest	425 00
July, 1888, interest	380 00
August, 1888, interest	92 50
September, 1888, interest	945 00
October, 1888, interest	865 00
November, 1888, interest	3,762 50
December, 1888, interest	3,595 00
January, 1889, interest	8,740 00
Total	$21,732 50

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. NUGENT,
Treasurer.

Received and referred to the Committe on Finance and Claims.

Official Bond of Michael Hughes as sealer of scales weights and measures in the sum of $1,000 with Dennis McLaughlin, John T. Madden and John Kelly as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $300 to rebuild the brick wall and repairing fence around public school No. 12 on Crescent avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipe, February, 1889, $1,827.37.

2. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, repairing pipe, February, 1889, $120.

3. Pay-roll, Extensions and Distributions, foreman, etc., February, 1889, $623.33.

4. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, re-assessors, February, 1889, $525.

5. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, February, 1889, $304.

6. Pay-roll, Water Rates and Assessments, Water Register, etc., February, 1889, $2,171.56.

7. Purchase of Supplies.

8. Claim of John Daley, foreman, January, 1889, $75.

9. Claim of John Daley, foreman, February, 1889, $75.

10. Construction of a brick sewer in Hancock avenue, from Hutton street sewer to the corner of Bowers street and Hancock avenue.

11. Improvement of Eighth street, from the west side of Monmouth street to the east side of Brunswick street.

12. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On resolution from the Board of Education requesting payment of salaries of teachers in night schools.

Resolved, That warrants aggregating $640 as per certificate of the Board of Education be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of teachers and janitors of night schools for the months of January and February, 1889, and charged to the Contingent Fund of this Board.

On resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer:

Resolved, That $3,000 be transferred from the account of cleaning streets to the account of reconstruction Board of Public Works, fiscal year, 1887 and 1888.

On claim of J. B. Downer:

Resolved, That $20 be paid to B. J. Downer for taking testimony in the matter of investigating the Sinking Fund.

On claim of Collins & Corbin, Attorneys, for tax costs:

Resolved, That $21 72 be paid to Collins & Corbin, Attorneys, for taxed costs in the case of Mary E. Van Winkle, vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs, Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenburgh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in;

1. Construction of a sewer in Zabriskie street from Central avenue to a point about 115 feet east of Summit avenue.

2. Improvement of Eighth street from the west side of Monmouth street to the east side of Brunswick street

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported as follows:

On petition of Vredenbergh & Garretson, attorneys for Jacob Hilken, recommending that the City Collector be directed to cancel of record the taxes of 1871 and 1874, on plot 8, in block 418, being a duplicate assessment.

On petition of Metta Brasse, recommending that the City Collector be directed to cancel upon adjusted report No. 25, the taxes for 1887 and the water rents for 1887 and 1888, against lot D, block 602, for the reason that said tax and water rents were paid.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the recommendations adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) on account of county tax for the year 1888.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein and Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Saturday March 16th, 1889 at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present all the members.

The Committee on Investigation of the Sinking Fund submitted the following report.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN:—The subscribers, acting at your request in the matter of an examination of the Sinking Funds under your control, submit the following as their conclusions:

There have been established, by law, several Sinking Funds but (with the exceptions of the fund of 1873, and $14,400 in a fund of 1882), there does not appear to have been any moneys collected for their benefit. Summarized, the present condition of the various funds may be stated as follows:

Funds of 1879, 1882 and 1884, for the payment of bonds. These funds are without other than contingent assets. As to each of them the law requires the annual inclusion in the tax levy of a certain per centum of the respective issues of bonds, to meet the same at maturity. The law appears to have been complied with, so far as placing the amounts in the tax levy, but the payment into the funds will evidently be postponed until the collection of the last arrearages of each levy.

The fund of 1884. By the provisions of an "Act concerning cities" (laws of 1884, p. 107) the amount of annual expenditure for all city purposes is limited to ninety per centum of the amount raised by taxation. The remaining ten per centum is directed to be appropriated to a Sinking Fund for the purchase or payment of bonds. The object of this act is, evidently, to prevent annually recurring deficiencies. This fund has not received any money, and payments to it will probably be postponed until after the collection of over ninety per centum of the levies made after its enactment.

It will be seen that, under the present system of fiscal management the only fund to which we may look for items of credit (except the item of $14,400 in the fund of 1882) before the collection of over eighty-eight per centum of a tax levy, is the fund of 1873." Payment to the other funds is, as above noted, postponed until the collection of the last 11 and 12 per centum of the levy. This method of postponement of payment to these funds is, in the opinion of your committee, legal, and if properly guarded, consistent with sound financial policy. To sequester earlier collections would necessitate the payment of interest upon unnecessary loans.

The sinking fund of 1873 is the only one, with the exception above noted, which appears to have received any credits. This fund received, from its inception to the 27th day of December, 1888, the total sum of $2,822,699.16. Of this amount, $1,045,025 have been used for the payment of bonds, and the balance appears, by the testimony of the City Comptroller, to be disposed of as follows:

Temporary loans	$1,258,000 00
Bonds purchased	267 220 11
Taxes and licenses fees returned	12,158 56
Transferred to general account to correct errors	13 787 62
Cash on hand	226,507 87
Total	$1,777,674 16

Since the creation of the fund of 1873, it has been customary for the Board of Finance and Taxation to borrow money therefrom, upon what are known as temporary loan bonds. This course was evidently induced by the non-payment of taxes and assessments, the alternative being the funding of annual differences between expenditure and collections. Whatever merits may be credited to this custom must rest on ground of convenience, and its continuance will, in our opinion, prove destructive to the integrity of the sinking funds. It means, in the light of custom, that these funds are to be eventually used for the retirement of bonds, provided the "temporary loan bonds" are paid from future receipts and those future receipts are not, in turn, borrowed. The fact that the assets of this fund are now almost wholly composed of these "temporary loan bonds" demonstrates this proposition and the further one that, practically, the only sinking fund of Jersey City is to-day the unpaid taxes and assessments. As these are hereafter collected they should be devoted to the reduction of the bonded debt of the city, except so far as they are collected on account of the levy for the present fiscal year. In order that this may be properly done it is evident that the sinking funds should be rescued from the intermingling which has taken place of their identity with the other fiscal affairs of the city. If these funds are to be of any use in the conservation of the city's credit, it can only be by keeping in view, as of the first importance, the object of their creation. They are to be used to pay and purchase and retire bonds. If loans are to be made from these funds to the city it should be because such loans are to the advantage of the funds and not because of the necessities of general municipal management. In order that this may be done a divorcement should be had of these funds from all other city departments, and we suggest to your Honorable Board the propriety of taking steps to have these funds placed under the control of commissioners who will have their custody and investment as their sole municipal function.

There is yet another fund to which the owners of bonds may look for payment, its assets consisting of certain collections under the "Martin act." To the first of January, 1889, about $650,000 had been collected of the taxes and assessments adjusted under this act, of which about $570,000 were used to pay the current expenses of the city government, During December last, as appears by the testimony of the City Comptroller, a special fund was created, to which collection under this act are now credited. This course should have been adopted in the first instance.

During our investigation, we have been attended by the City Treasurer and City Comptroller and their assistants, and have received from them every possible aid in the examination of their accounts. We herewith submit the testimony taken.

Respectfully,

ALLAN L. MCDERMOTT,
E. F. C. YOUNG
J. D. CARSCALLEN,
G. W. CLERIHEW.

I was not present at the meeting of the committee at which the bonds were examined.

G. W. CLERIHEW.

On motion of Mr. Datz the report was received ordered spread in full on the minutes and filed.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Resolved That the Corporation Counsel be authorized and ordered to draft, and the Legislature to pass an act making the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners separate and distinct from the Board of Finance and Taxation.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday March 20th, 1889 at 9 o'cock a. m.

GEORGE McANENY.
Clerk.

An adjourned special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, March 20th, 1889, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—All the members.
On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday March 21, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Robert Donshea of $13.50 for wood.

Claim of Albert Datz of $53 for printing for Mayor's office.

Claim of Albert Datz of $57 for printing for City Clerk and City Collector's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from March 15 to 21, 1889, both days included, to be $20,479 53.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection the following assessment map:

Improvement of Cambridge avenue (grade, &c.), from South to Congress street, amounting to $3 751.

Received and ordered filed.

Report of F. J. Mershimer agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, stating that he had collected and paid over to the City Collector since the date of his last report, the sum of $2,584.32.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from C. L. Corbin, addressed to the City Comptroller.

JERSEY CITY, March 19, 1889.

S. D. Dickinson, Esq., Comptroller of Jersey City.

DEAR SIR:—We find an act passed in 1876 and amended in 1877, which permits any city to borrow money "to provide for present unfunded or floating indebtedness" by the issue of bonds not to exceed ten years to run, to bear interest at not exceeding seven per cent, and to be sold at not less than 95 per cent. On the same day, April 21st, 1876, another act was passed authorizing the Department of Finance with the consent of the governing body of any city to issue bonds for not longer than ten years for an amount not exceeding the amount of the tax liens purchased by this city on the sale of unpaid taxes. In the case of such issue all moneys received for the redemption of real estate sold for taxes for which bonds shall be issued are pledged to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the payment of the bonds so issued. An act of April 21, authorizes the Board of Finance to issue temporary bonds in anticipation of taxes and to renew them to the amount of the taxes remaining unpaid, such bonds to run for a period not exceeding with renewals beyond the time limited by the charter for the sale of lands for unpaid taxes. An Act of March 1, 1886, provides that when bonds have been issued in anticipation of taxes and fall due before the collection of the taxes, so much thereof as may remain unpaid after the application thereto of the taxes collected may be re-issued, provision being made for a Sinking Fund to be created by taxation each year for their payment. An Act passed on the 26th of March, 1886, qualifies all the preceding acts by a provision that no bonds shall be thus issued which shall increase the indebtedness of the city so long as such city shall remain in arrears in the payment of any county or State tax or other legal indebtedness for more than six months. I understand, however, that it is not designed to increase existing indebtedness, but only to issue 10 year bonds for existing floating debts. I think there is authority given to the Board of Finance by the acts above mentioned to issue bonds for the purposes stated, not increasing existing indebtedness but merely changing its form. There seems to be nothing in the Act defining the size of the bonds, that appears to be left to the Board of Finance.

Yours respectfully,

C. L. CORBIN.

Gentlemen of the Board of Finance:

I have no doubt that the Acts of 1876, approved April 21, and the Acts of 1884, approved April 21, gives you ample power to issue the bonds referred to in the resolution of your Board of this date.

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Dated March 21, 1889.

The above communication was received, ordered filed and spread in full on the minutes.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to William Kramer for the improvement of Zabriskie street, from Nelson to Western avenues.

2. Purchase of supplies.

3, Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, February, $1,523.75,.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, repairing over pipe, January, 1889, $146.

2. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, repairs to pipe, January, 1889, $1,934 75.

3. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, laying pipe, January, 1889, $947.75.

4. Pay-roll Extensions and Distributions, foreman, &c., January, 1889, $623.33.

5. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, shutting off water, January, 1889, $315.46.

6. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessment, reassessing, January, 1889, $525.

7. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, repairing hydrants, January, 1889, $759.33.

8. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, repairing water gates, January, 1889, $679.

9. Pay-roll Water Rates and Assessments, water department, February, 1889, $2,171.56.

10. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the report of the committees were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled "An Act concerning cities, approved April 21, 1876, and supplement

thereto approved March 9, 1877, and also an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State" approved April 21, 1884, one or more temporary loan bonds be issued for the sum of seven hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars (766,000), in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the years 1875 to 1887 inclusive, said bonds to be dated April 1, 1889, and payable as follows: $250,000 on July 1, 1889; $200,000 on November 1, 1889; $316,000 on April 1, 1890, or at the option of the city after ten (10) days' notice in writing having been given to the holder, with interest payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, at the rate of three (3) per cent. per annum. And the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds be applied for the payment of $676,000 of temporary loan bonds and interest thereon now held by the Sinking Fund Commissioners.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An Act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and supplement thereto approved March 9, 1877, and also an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, one or more temporary loan bonds be issued for the sum of five hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars ($586,000), in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the years 1875 to 1887, inclusive, said bonds to be dated April 1, 1889, and payable as follows:

$200,000 on January 1, 1898 and $386,000 on April 1, 1899, or at the option of the city after ten (10) days' notice in writing having been given to the holder, with interest payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, at the rate of three and one-half (3½) per cent. per annum.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey entitled "An Act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and supplement thereto approved March 9, 1877, and also an Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, the Committee on Finance and Claims be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds the sum of four hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars ($435,000) to be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the years 1875 to 1887 inclusive, said bonds to be payable on demand with interest payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1, at a rate not exceeding four and one-half (4½) per cent. per annum.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "an act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and supplement thereto approved March 9, 1877, and also an Act of the Legislature entitled "an act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of the State, approved April 21, 1884, one or more temporary loan bonds be issued for the sum of one million and eighty-two thousand dollars ($1,082,000), in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the years 1875 to 1887 inclusive, said bonds to be dated April 1, 1889, and payable on demand after ten (10) days notice in writing having been given, with interest payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1, at the rate of three (3) per cent. per annum.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller and City Treasurer be and they are hereby directed to place all monies received from collections of principals and interest account, taxes of Jersey City for the years 1875 to 1887 inclusive in a special account in the designated depositories of the city, to be used exclusively for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds for which the taxes of 1875 to 1887 are pledged.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of five hundred and eighty-five thousand, five hundred eighty-five 85-100 dollars ($585,585.85-100) in payment in full of State and county taxes as follows:

Taxes 1872, (Greenville)	$ 15,769 64
Taxes 1875,	26,303 94
Taxes 1876,	45,143 49
Taxes 1877,	66 036 62
Taxes 1878,	16,825 11
Taxes 1879,	21,988 04
Taxes 1880,	32,770 71
Taxes 1881,	13,706 07
Taxes 1882,	45,463 66
Taxes 1883,	116,753 03
Taxes 1884,	95,889 81
Taxes 1885,	88,935 73
	$585,585 85

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, for the sum of twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars ($25,500) to transfer said amount from general account to sinking fund 1882 No. 1, being amount, appropriated as follows:

Fiscal year 1882-3	$3,000
Fiscal year 1883-4	4,500
Fiscal year 1884-5	4,500
Fiscal year 1885-6	4,500
Fiscal year 1886-7	4,500
Fiscal year 1887-8	4,500
	$25,500

For the payment of the principal of $150,000, 30 years, 5 per cent. bonds, due April 1, 1911, in accordance with act of Legislature approved March 3, 1881.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of eighty-one thousand dollars ($81,000) to transfer said amount from general account to sinking fund 1882 No. 2, being amount appropriated as follows:

Fiscal year 1882-3	$13,500
Fiscal year 1883-4	13,500
Fiscal year 1884-5	13,500
Fiscal year 1885-6	13,500
Fiscal year 1886-7	13,500
Fiscal year 1887-8	13,500
	$81,000

For the payment of the principal of $450,000, 30 years, 6 per cent. bonds due June 1, 1910, in accordance with an Act of the Legislature approved February 18, 1879.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) to transfer said amount from general account to establish a sinking fund for the payment of the

principal of $525,000, 5 per cent. water bonds due February 1, 1913 (being amount appropriated fiscal year 1883-4) in accordance with an Act of the Legislature, approved January 30, 1883

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars ($48,000) to transfer said amount from general account to water sinking fund, being amount appropriated, as follows:

Fiscal year 1884-5	$12,000 00
Fiscal year 1885-6	12,000 00
Fiscal year 1886-7	12,000 00
Fiscal year 1887-8	12,000 00
	$48,000 00

For the payment of the principal of $525,000, 5 per cent. water bonds, due February 1, 1913, in accordance with an Act of the Legislature, approved January 30, 1883.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to transfer said amount from general account to establish a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of $1,000,000 6 per cent. bonds due April 1,1904 (being amount appropriated fiscal year 1884-5) in accordance with an Act of the Legislature approved February 21, 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of ninety thousand dollars ($90,000) to transfer said amount from general account to sinking fund, 1889, No. 1, being amount appropriated as follows:

Fiscal year 1885-6	$30,000
Fiscal year 1886-7	30,000
Fiscal year 1887-8	30,000
	$90,000

for the payment of the principal of $1,000,000, 6 per cent bonds due April 1, 1904, in accordance with an Act of the Legislature, approved February 21, 1884

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars ($130,000) to transfer said amount from general account to establish a sinking fund for the payment of city bonds (being amount appropriated fiscal year 1884-85) in accordance with an Act of the Legislature approved March 27, 1884

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of five hundred and fifty-seven thousand, eight hundred and six 04-100 dollars ($557,806 04) to transfer said amount from general account to sinking fund 1889 No. 2, being amount appriated as follows:

Fiscal year 1885 6	$181,682 90
Fiscal year 1886-7	188,434 95
Fiscal year 1887-8	187,708 19
	$557,806 04

For the payment of city bonds in accordance with an Act of the Legislature, approved March 27, 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners for the sum of one hundred and three thousand dollars, ($103,000) to transfer said amount from general account to establish a sinking fund for the payment of city bonds, being amount appropriated fiscal year 1883-4 in accordance with resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation of July 19, 1883.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Timothy C. Long, City Marshal, for the sum of $250 being in full for services rendered to the Board of Finance and Taxation and Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation the same to be charged to the Contingent Fund 1888 and 1889.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cite the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railroad to appear before the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation on Thursday April 11th, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., and show cause if any there be, why they should not be assessed for personal property for purposes of taxation of 1888 on block 262 Grove street.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That Patrick H. O'Neill be and he is hereby appointed Assessor for the First District for the ensuing year.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That Michael J. O'Rourke be and he is hereby appointed Assessor for the Second District for the ensuing year.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That John Prigge, Jr., be and is hereby appointed Assessor for the Fourth District for the ensuing year.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 21, 1889, at 9 o'clock p. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenberg, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tem.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of seven hundred, sixty-six thousand dollars ($766,000) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that bonds be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners payable as follows: $250,000 on July 1, 1889; $200,000 on November 1, 1889; $316,000 on April 1, 1890, or at the option of the city after ten (10) days notice in writing with interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Sinking Fund Commissioners accept from the city of Jersey City the sum of $90,000, being about interest at the rate of three (3) per cent. per annum on all temporary loan bonds held by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, on which interest is now due from the city.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five thousand, five hundred dollars ($25,500) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1882, No. 1, upon bonds to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the Corporate Seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand after ten days' notice in writing, with interest, at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of eighty-one thousand dollars ($81,000) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1882, No. 2, upon bonds to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commmissioners, payable on demand after ten days notice in writing with interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum payable semi-annualy, on April 1 and October 1.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund established a sinking fund to be called water sinking fund for the payment of the principal of $525 000 5 per cent. water bonds due February 1, 1913, in accordance with an Act of the Legislature approved January 30, 1883.

Resolved, That twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) the amount of the warrant ordered drawn by the Board of Finance and Taxation upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, be placed to the credit of said account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars ($60,000) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the water sinking fund upon bonds to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand after ten days' notice, in writing, with interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum payable semi-annually, on April 1 and October 1.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund establish a sinking fund to be called sinking fund of 1889, No. 1, for the payment of the principal of $1,000,000 6 per cent. bonds due April 1, 1904, in accordance with an Act of the Legislature approved February 21, 1884.

Resolved, That thirty thousand dollars ($30,000), the amount of the warrant ordered drawn by the Board of Finance and Taxation upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, be placed to the credit of said account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars ($120,000) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation, to be taken from the fund of 1889, No. 1, upon bonds to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand after ten days' notice in writing, with interest at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on April 1 and October 1.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That Commissioners of the Sinking Fund establish a sinking fund to be called sinking fund of 1889, No. 2, for the payment of city bonds, in accordance with an act of the Legislature approved March 27, 1884.

Resolved, That one hundred thirty thousand dollars ($130,000) the amount of the warrant ordered drawn by the Board of Finance and Taxation, upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, be placed to the credit of said account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred eighty-seven thousand, eight hundred six 4-100 dollars ($687,806.04), be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1889, No. 2, upon bonds to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners payable on demand after ten days notice in writing with interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1, and October 1.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund establish a sinking fund to be called sinking fund of 1889, No. 3, for the payment of city bonds in accordance with resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation of July 19, 1883.

Resolved, That one hundred three thousand dollars ($103,000) the amount of the warrant ordered drawn by the Board of Finance and Taxation upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners be placed to the credit of said account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and three thousand dollars ($103,000) be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1889, No. 3, upon bonds to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand after ten days' notice in writing, with interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1.

The yeas and nays having been call on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 28, 1889, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Warren and Jordan.

The minutes of the last meeting was approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Jarvis & Co. for return of money paid in error.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co. of $25 for rent of instrument and tollage in Treasurer's office.

Claim of the J. C. Herald of $8.50 for advertising.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury March 22 to 28, 1889, to be $16,022.70.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $500 for repairs to Ravine road.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works for sewer in Cambridge avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the payment of certain pay-rolls and claims.

Sewer in Cambridge avenue.

Improvement of Griffith street, Central avenue to Milton street.

Opening of Neptune avenue.

Awarding contract to William Kramer for the improvement of Zabriskie street.

The ayes and nays having been called, the resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Warren and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Jarvis & Co., recommending that $164.95 be paid to Jarvis & Co., being amount paid twice for taxes of 1888 on lots 10–17 and 18, block 185.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims.

$15, $8 and $11 to the Sunday Morning News.

$111.71 to W. W. Farrier.

$1.20 and $8 to the Argus.

$31.05, $23.55 and $34.05 to the United Gas & Improvement Co.

$24 and $15 to the Argus.

$60.90, $423.75 and $122 to Jordan Stationery Co.

$15.25 and $30.50 to William Gorrill.

$15.95 to George C. Doyle.

$54 to Albert Datz.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan·

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $14,000 to transfer that amount from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited to the credit of April, 1889, interest account:

On General Account..... .....$46,070.00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds..... 16.065.00
On Water Account..... 28,000.00

The ayes and nays having been call on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Warren and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Datz and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, April 4, 1389, at 9 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 4th, 1889, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Present—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Hardenbergh,

Absent—Mr. Warren.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Parmly, Olendorf & Fiske, Attorneys, in reference to a judgment recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Journal of Commerce, of $25, for advertising.

Received and referred to Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from His Honor, the Mayor, requesting that some means be devised by which the system of keeping the city accounts would show when the taxes have been paid and prevent people from paying taxes twice on the same property.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Mayor, calling the attention of this Board to a provision in the act authorizing an adjustment of arrears of taxes, assessments and water rents, which authorizes the enforcement of the tax levy, provided the rate be not over five per centum, and stating that if the proposed bonds be issued and the interest provided for in the next tax levy, it will be impossible to arrange a tax levy with a rate below three per cent.

Both communications were received and filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, asking an appropriation to repair school and engine houses.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, ordering paid claim of John Daley, also certain pay-rolls.

All of which were received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Communication from his honor the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, April 3, 1889.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I have signed the resolution of your honorable body to issue $586,000 of bonds bearing three and one-half per cent. interest to pay the arrears due to the county for State and county taxes, and the resolution ordering warrants drawn for $585,585 85 in favor of Hugh Dugan, Esq., County Collector, to complete the transaction, it being understood that the bonds are not to be offered for sale, but are to be taken up by the county with the warrants so ordered to be drawn.

It seems to me that this is a proper and fair settlement of the demands of the county and ought to have been made long ago when Mr. Dugan first suggested it.

I have also signed the resolution authorizing temporary loan four and one-half per cent. bonds in anticipation of taxes to the extent of $435,000 as the same may be needed.

The remainder of the series of resolutions concerning the issue of bonds and the drawing of warrants for the proceeds, to be paid into the Sinking Fund, are herewith returned with objections. Whatever the condition of the Sinking Fund may be it does not seem to me that this course is a wise method of healing defects and neglects dating back many years. It seems to me that the remedy is worse than the disease.

There are certain temporary loan bonds now in the Sinking Fund, amounting, according to these resolutions, to $676,000 and interest due thereon to an amount not stated, but proposed to be compromised at $90,000. If the interest is to be collected at all by the Sinking Fund Commissioners they have no right to compromise but should demand the full amount. To pay these bonds and the interest so compromised, these resolutions propose an issue of $766,000 of three per cent. bonds payable within one year, and it is proposed, in fact, that the Sinking Fund shall take the new issue in payment.

It is proposed to issue $1,082,000 of three per cent. bonds to return to the Sinking Fund monies that have been to keep from it for many years past.

The condition of the Sinking Fund that causes your board now to adopt this scheme was suspected by me long before my election in 1886 to the office I now have the honor to hold, but information was denied me when seeking it after that, and I refrained writing the customary message in consequence. Statements were freely made that the Sinking Fund was intact and all right and I did not think any good could result to the finances of the city by following the matter further. It is a source of regret that my suspicions are now shown to have been well founded.

By the present resolutions you create a new bonded debt of $1,172,000 that must hereafter be stated in any report of the founded debt of the city. It is worse than that because the $676,000 of temporary loan bonds in the Sinking Fund are taken into the new issue so that the apparent new bonded debt would be $1,848,000. Add to this the $586,000 given to the county for arrearages and the new debt statement will show an increase of $2,434,000, most of which is made payable on demand. It will not do to add this amount to the permanent debt statement for investors to read. They cannot be expected to examine the causes in detail for this increase. They will see the bold plain fact and it will injure the market value of our bonds and injure the credit of the city without any compensating benefit. The city will be a borrower on temporary loans from time to time unavoidably in anticipation of the collection of taxes, for current expenses, and it seems to me bad policy to frighten capital when we are asking the loan of it. That the Sinking Fund has been very badly managed, robbed of its rights in fact, and sometimes robbed outright for the benefit of other funds, as I have long contended, these resolutions plainly show. But it seems to me that the better course now to pursue will be for your honorable body to ask the legislature to authorize the canceling of the claims of the Sinking Fund intended to be provided for by these resolutions, and hereafter let that fund become a Sinking Fund in fact and not a hollow sham. The trouble has come from the intimate relations of the Sinking Fund Commissioners with your honorable body both being composed of the same persons. The Sinking Fund Commission should be a separate and independent body.

One of the resolutions declares that all monies collected for principal and interest of arrears of taxes from 1875 to 1887 inclusive shall be set aside, etc. That is child's play. You may rescind such a resolution at any time, or the next may repeal it. It has no

permanent force and it is high time that such shams were done away with in the management of the city finances.

A more open and dignified course will give capital greater confidence and so lift the credit of the city.

For these reasons and many others not herein expressed I am constrained to withhold my signature from these resolutions.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
ORESTES CLEVELAND.

The communication was received spread at large on the bond book and laid on the table.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of $364.52 be paid to Collins & Corbin, Attorneys for Wood & Menagh being amount of judgment and costs recovered against the city.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh, and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Warren.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That $32.52 be paid to the American District Telegraph Co.

$22.93 to American District Telegraph Co.

Both to be charged to the account of claims legal expenses and judgments.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Edelstein, Messrs. Datz, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Monday, April 8, 1889, at 4:30 p. m.

Present—All the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from John A. Blair, resigning his office as Corporation Counsel, to take effect forthwith.

On motion the resignation was accepted.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co., of $29.99, for messenger service in Mayor's office, during the months of January, February and March, 1889.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co., of $9.30 for messenger service.

Claim of the Argus of $28, for printing manuals.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $45 for stationery.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Certain pay-rolls and resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, all of which were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board re-assembled the following members present.

Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tem.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

Resolved, That the sums of $10.30 and $8.95 be paid to Wood & Menagh for supplies furnished the Board of Education.

The ayes and nays bearing been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, That the amount received for adjusted taxes for the years 1875 to 1887, inclusive have been placed to the credit of accounts in the banks known as "adjusted taxes of 1875 to 1887," and there remains to the credit of said account the sum of $69,185.-61; and

Whereas, By resolution of this Board passed March 21st, 1888, bonds were issued for which the said taxes are pledged in payment and for the purpose of complying with said resolution there has been established on account known as the tax arrearage fund, therefore be it.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $69,185.61; to transfer that amount from adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887, account to tax arrearage fund account.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow the sum of $4,140.27 upon a temporary loan bond payable December 1st, 1889, with interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum in accordance with section 1 of an act of the Legislature entitled an Act concerning the payment of judgments against any city. Approved March 8th, 1877, the proceeds of said bonds to be used in payment of a judgment ordered paid by resolution of this Board, April 4th, 1889.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the amount of the official bond of the Water Registrar be and is hereby fixed at $50,000.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That William Brinkerhoff be and he is hereby appointed Corporation Counsel of Jersey City to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of John A. Blair.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the term of office of Robert S. Hudspeth, as Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, shall and does by virtue of this resolution now cease.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That Roderick B. Seymour be and he is hereby appointed Corporation Attorney of Jersey City to take effect immediately.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the veto of his honor, the Mayor, on certain resolutions adopted by this Board March 21, 1889, be taken from the table and read.

The Clerk having read the veto Mr. Warren moved that the resolutions do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor, the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to the retiring Corporation Counsel, John A. Blair, for the able, courteous and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 10, 1889, at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANERY,
Clerk.

An adjourned special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Wednesday, April 10, 1889, at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

Present—All the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from R. S. Hudspeth in reference to his dismissal and the appointment of R. B. Seymour as Corporation Attorney.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of W. W. Farrier of $165.69, for extra work on Engine House No. 4.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

President Edelstein was excused and on motion Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tem.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$450 to W. Robertson for repairs to engine house on Erie street.

$472.12 to W. W. Farrier for heating apparatus in truck house No. 4.

$165,69 to W. W. Farrier for extra work in truck house No. 4.

All the above claims to be charged to the Contingent Fund of 1888-89.

The same committee reported favorable on the following resolutions from the Board of Works.

1. Transfer of $1,500 from the account of cleaning streets to account of salary Street Commissioner, $1,200 from account of cleaning sewers to account of salary of Sewer Inspector.

Appropriating $262,20 to pay claim of John E, McArthur for extra work done on new Fire Engine House No. 11 to be charged to Contiogent Fund 1888-89.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenberg, Warren and Jordan.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution be concurred in.

1. Awarding contract to Thomas Cavanagh for sewer in Congress street.

The ayes and nays having been called the resolu ion was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims.

$11.50 to P. E. Martin.

$15.65 and $13.50 to C. H. Scott.

$110 to Carroll & Sweeney.

$33, $57 and $74 to A. Datz.

$47, $10.75, $40 and $120.25 to Jordan Stationery C .

The ayes and nays having been called the reports were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the salary of William Brinkerhoff, as Corporation Counsel, be fixed at the rate of $4,000 per annum.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That the salary of R. B. Seymour as Corporation Attorney, be fixed at $1,800 per annum.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion of Mr. Warren the Board adjourned to meet Friday, April 12, 1889, at 8:30 o'clock a. m.

GEORGE MCANENY,
Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall, Wednesday, April 10, 1889, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as president pro tem.

By Mr. Warren and carried:

Moved, That the vote of his honor the Mayor upon a series of resolutions adopted by this Board, March 21, 1889, be taken from the table and read.

The Clerk having read the veto.

Mr. Warren moved, That the resolutions do not pass notwithstanding the objections of his honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messsrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Warren and Jordan.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, April, 12th, 1889, at 8:30 o'clock p.m.

Present Messers Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan, and Warren.

Absent President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected to act as President pro tempore.

The Clerk having read the call which was for the transaction of regular business.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Evening Journal of $65 for advertising.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $56.25 for advertising.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co., of $25.35 for gas.

Claim of Charles H. Scott, of $32 for carpenter work.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney, of $105 for coal.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to the cancellation of taxes of certain property.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Collector in reference to the receipt of the Assessment map for the improvement of Summit avenue, from Academy to Sip, amounting to $9 062 50.

Received and ordered field.

Communication from the City Collector reporting the receipt of reports Nos. 32 and 28 made by the Commissioners of Adjustment:

No. 32 amounting to..... $67,266.94
No. 28 amounting to $145,164.54

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Comptroller:

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Jersey City, April 12, 1889.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor to transmit herewith to your Honorable Board the Annual Report of this office with a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the City Treasury (except Water Account) for the Fiscal Year commencing December 1, 1887, and ending November 30, 1888; also statement showing the Financial condition of the City, on December 1, 1888.

Very respectfully,

S. D. DICKINSON,
Comptroller.

The Cash Balance in the City Treasury Nov. 30, 1887, was:

To the Credit of General Account.....	$150,189 17		
" Assessment Account.....	6,678 98		
" Special Bond Acc't, No. 2	3,065 20		
" Sinking Fund 1873.....	15,123 94		
" " 1882, No. 1	6,000 00		
" " 1882, No. 2	2,500 00	$183,557.29	

Receipts during the year were:

General Account, (Exhibit A).....	$3,334,402 73		
Assessment Account, (Exhibit C).....	145,233 02		
Sinking Fund, 1873, (Exhibit E).....	258,947 22		
" 1882, No. 2, (Exhibit H)....	5,900 00	$3,744,482 97	$3,928,040 26

Disbursements during the year were:

General Account, (Exhibit B).....	$3,253,915 36		
Assessment Account, (Exhibit D)..... ...	144,101 31		
Sinking Fund, 1873, (Exhibit F).....	256,800 00	$3,654,816 67	

Cash Balance in City Treasury Nov. 30, 1888,			
To Credit of General Account	$230,676 54		
" Assessment Account	7,810 69		
" Special Bond Acc't, No. 2	3,065 20		
" Sinking Fund, 1873	17,271 16		
" " 1882, No. 1	6,000 00		
" " 1882, No. 2	8,400 00	$273,223 59	$3,928,040 26

Financial Condition of the City on December 1, 1887:

LIABILITIES (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT).

General Account Debt	$5,727,083 34	
Assessment Account Debt	5,873,500 00	
Temporary Loans	805,000 00	
Improvement Certificates	86,000 00	
Amount due State and County	1,293,060 21	
Amount of unexpended Appropriations	1,752,293 17	
Outstanding Warrants, J. City Consol'd	66,829 02	
" " Old Jersey City	8,439 37	
Certificates of value	2,615 23	$15,614,820 34

RESOURCES (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT).

Cash in City Treasury	$183,557 29	
Bonds held by Comm'r of Sinking Funds	826,898 34	
Amount Loaned Water Account	121,000 00	
Amount due from State for School purposes	187,112 60	
" Taxes due and unpaid	5,652,842 08	
" Assessments due and unpaid	2,849,260 95	
" City Property	1,426,500 00	
" Due City for Advertising Tax Sales	103,019 04	
" Adjusted Taxes and Assessments, Reports Nos. 1, 2 and 3, unpaid	34,637 23	$11,384,827 53

Net Debt of the City (except Water Account), December 1, 1887	$4,229,992 81

Financial Condition of the City on December 1, 1888.

LIABILITIES (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT).

General Account Debt (Exhibit K)	$5,733,883 34	
Assessment Account Debt (Exhibit K)	5,873,500 00	
Temporary Loans (Exhibit L)	1,028,000 00	
Improvment Certificates (Exhibit P)	67,500 00	
Amount due State and County	1,149,116 61	
Amount of Unexpended Appropriations 1887–88	69,828 27	
Amount of Appropriations, 1888–89	1,725,820 93	
Outstanding Warrants, J. City Consolidated,	8,379 99	
" " Old Jersey City	8,439 37	
Certificates of Value	2,615 23	$15,667,083 74

RESOURCES (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT).

Cash in City Treasury	$273,223 59		
Bonds held by Commissioners of Sinking Funds (Exhibit S)	1,078,698 34		
Amount Loaned Water Account	144,000 00		
Amount due from State for School purposes	222,136 50		
Amount Taxes due and Unpaid (Exhibit M)	5,792,574 95		
" Assessments Due and Unpaid (Exhibit N)	2,507,683 80		
Amount City Property	1,426,500 00		
" due City for Advertising Tax Sales.	102,503 56	11,547,320 74	
Net debt of the City (except Water Account) December 1, 1888			$4,119,763 00

EXHIBIT A.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

Balance in City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1887			$150,189 17
From Taxes, 1888	$539,490 02		
Less Rebate	6,270 60	$533,219 42	
From Taxes, 1887	645,678 09		
Less Rebate	766 53		
	644,911 56		
Interest on Taxes, 1887	6,563 67	651,475 23	
From Taxes, 1886	53,344 16		
Interest on Taxes, 1886	6,847 55	60,191 71	
From Taxes, 1885	23,526 51		
Interest on Taxes, 1885	4,656 29	28,182 80	
From Taxes, 1884	13,234 41		
Interest on Taxes, 1884	3,557 14	16,791 55	
From Taxes, 1883	9,336 90		
Interest on Taxes, 1883	3,082 55	12,419 45	
From Taxes, 1882	2,090 53		
Interest on Taxes, 1882	840 53	2,931 06	
From Taxes, 1881	1,562 30		
Interest on Taxes, 1881	729 00	2,291 30	

From Taxes, 1880.....	1,169 29			
Interest on Taxes, 1880.....	669 18	1,838 47		
From Taxes, 1879.....		292 78		
" " 1878.....		266 22		
" " 1877.....		84 28		
" " 1876.....		66 50		
" " 1875.....		70 68		
From Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887.....		447,726 83		
" Interest on Adjusted Taxes, etc.....		3,282 52		
" " Taxes, 1875 to 1887.....		600 89	$1,761,731 69	
From Morgan Street Dock.....		$4,253 49		
" Sewer Permits.....		2,284 50		
" District Court Fees.....		2,440 74		
" Account Printing Tax Sales, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881 and 1882,		462 94		
" Geo. F. Swift, Rent of Stable.....		275 30		
" North Hudson H. R. R. Co. Cleaning Snow.....		583 00		
" Hudson County, Election Expenses.....		992 00		
" Sale of Old Engine House.....		500 00		
" Receiver "City Bank" Dividend.....		562 42		
" Board of Aldermen—Printing Ordinances and Sale of License Venders Plates.....		479 45		
" Board of Police, Board of Patients, and Sale of Drugs at Hospital.....		140 60		
" Board of Police, Lamp Posts—damaged		45 00		
" Board of Fire—Sale of Old Material, Manure and Permits granted.....		655 32		
" Redemption of Lots.....		56 47	$13,731 23	
" Sale of School House Bond, due March 8, 1891.....		4,800 00		
" Sale of Engine House Bond, due Aug. 27, 1895.....		7,000 00	11,800 00	
" State of N. J., School Tax, 1886		187,112 60		
" " " " Moneys, 1887....		13,937 04		
" " " " Tax, 1887.....		173,761 19		
" " " " Moneys, 1888....		14,047 94	388,858 77	
" Banks and others, Loan.....		557,000 00		
" Sinking Fund 1873, Loan.....		245,000 00		
" Water Account, Loan.....		140,000 00		
" Assessment Account, Loan.....		35,000 00	977,000 00	
" State of N. J., Account Rail Road Moneys.....			181,281 04	3,334,402 73
Total.....				$3,484,591 90

EXHIBIT B.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887 TO NOVENBER 30, 1888

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, 1885–6.		
Salaries	$225 00	
Engineering Bureau	180 00	
Reconstruction Streets and Sewers	207 25	$612 25
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, 1886–7.		
Cleaning Streets	$5,854 65	
Cleaning Sewers	1,544 65	
Reconstruction Streets and Sewers	2,884 07	
Public Grounds and Buildings	26 55	
Salaries	474 96	
Printing and Stationery	67 00	
Engineering Bureau	905 00	
Repairs to Unpaved Streets	4,091 30	
Repairs to Mountain Road Wall	580 25	
Special Salary Account	225 00	16,653 43
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, 1887–8.		
Cleaning Streets	17,469 50	
Cleaning Sewers	9,026 84	
Reconstruction Streets and Sewers	$10,328 32	
Less Cancelled	248 20	10,080 12
Public Grounds and Buildings	34 00	
Salaries	5,202 10	
Printing and Stationery	547 00	
Engineering Bureau	9,117 50	
Repairs to Unpaved Streets	2,728 50	
Insurance	897 50	
Repairs to Public School Buildings	3,049 89	
Special Salary Account	2,475 00	60,627 95
BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1886–7		
Out-Door Poor	42 95	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	255 90	
Rent of Armories and Supplies	$578 12	
Salaries	416 66	
Public Grounds and Buildings	836 00	
Salary, Inspector of Buildings	125 00	
Cleaning First District Court Room	12 50	
Improvement, Hamilton Park	110 90	
Elections	1,138 60	
District Courts	1,666 78	5,183 41

BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1887-8.

Out-Door Poor	$9,837 94	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	1,683 38	
Rent of Armories and Supplies	3,868 57	
Salaries	5,958 26	
Public Grounds and Buildings	1,477 86	
Decoration Day	200 00	
Elections $9,213 93		
Less Cancelled 76 00	9,137 93	
District Courts	8,724 04	
Removing Dangerous Trees	100 00	40,987 98

BOARD OF POLICE, 1886-7

Salaries	$16,015 03	
Salaries Park Police	320 00	
Lamps and Lights	4,944 36	
Hospital and Dispensaries	217 94	
Police Justices	416 74	
Rentals	325 00	22,239 07

BOARD OF POLICE, 1887-8.

Salaries	$176,832 78	
Salaries Park Police	2,467 58	
Station House and Prisons	8,659 95	
Lamps and Lights	66,472 21	
Hospitals and Dispensaries	12,104 94	
Police Justices	4,583 26	
Police Pensions	5,172 12	
Rentals	1,155 00	277,447 84

BOARD OF FIRE, 1886-7.

Salaries	$8,802 27	
Claims	2,177 72	10,979 99

BOARD OF FIRE, 1887-8.

Salaries	$73,030 44	
Claims	18,981 72	
Rebuilding Two Steamers	3,500 00	95,512 16

BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1885-6

Furniture, Repairs and Gas		3 25

BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1886-7.

Teachers' Salaries and Fuel	$17,028 78	
Salaries Superintendent and Clerk	341 66	
Salaries Janitors	1,560 13	
Books, Stationery, Music and Free Library	666 63	
Rentals	385 00	
Furniture, Repairs, Gas, etc	1,106 54	
Printing and Blanks	158 70	
Janitors' Supplies	143 63	
Repairs to Public School No. 11	8 10	21,399 17

BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1887–8.		
Teachers' Salaries	$185,296 35	
Fuel	7,737 95	
Salaries Superintendent and Clerks	4,119 56	
Salaries Janitors $14,686 13		
Less Cancelled 69 00	14,617 13	
Books, Stationery, Music and Free Library	4,470 53	
Rentals	702 50	
Furniture, Repairs, Gas, etc	5,929 92	
Printing and Blanks	823 85	
Janitors' Supplies	895 71	
Census	1,723 65	
Annual Report	350 00	
Repairs to Public Schools	418 93	227,086 08
BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION, 1886–7.		
Salaries		4,771 85
BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION, 1887–8.		
Salaries $60,229 50		
Less Cancelled 25 00	60,204 50	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	5,523 97	
Claims, Legal Expenses and Judgments	8,523 54	
Contingent Fund	15,164 82	89,416 83
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.		
Montgomery St. Sewer	$2,210 41	
Repairs to Streets	2,994 30	
Liscense Expense	412 60	
Engine House South St	1,527 40	
Rebuilding Engine House No. 3	2,414 25	
Dock, Hackensack River	1,475 00	
Cleaning Snow	10,833 00	
School House No. 22 Halliday St	4,895 20	
Truck House No. 4 Linden Ave	899 20	27,661 36
Redemption of Lots	43 40	
Return Deposits for Licenses not granted	70 02	
Returned Taxes and Interest on same paid in error $2,324 32		
Less Cancelled 161 28	2,163 04	
RETURNED DUPLICATE PAYMENTS OF		
Adjusted Taxes and Interest	71 35	2,347 81
County Collector Acc't, Co. Tax, 1888.	$55,000 00	
" " " " 1887.	260,706 35	
" " S. S. " "	168,674 45	
" " " " 1886.	169,374 22	
" " Co. " "	124,488 98	
		778,244 00

Interest on Bonded Debt		724,035 00	
Water Account Loan	$163,000 00		
Assessment Account Loan	10,000 00	173,000 00	
Morgan Street Dock		3,124 31	
Commissioners of Adjustment		22,000 00	
Total Amount Warrants issued (less cancelled) Dec. 1, 1887, to Nov. 30. 1888		2,603,333 74	
Amount of Warrants issued previous to Dec. 1 1887, Outstanding at that date		64,131 40	
		2,667,465 14	
Amount of Warrants Outstanding Nov. 30, 1888		8,379 99	
Amount Paid			$2,659,085 15
PAYMENTS BY OTHER THAN WARRANTS AS FOLLOWS:			
Temporary Loan Bonds, Banks and others		$579,000 00	
Interest on Temporary Loans		9,930 21	
School House Bonds due Dec. 2, 1888.		5,000 00	
Interest on " "		900 00	594,830 21
Total Payments			3,253,915 36
Balance in City Treasury Nov. 30, 1888			230,676 54
			3,484,591 90

EXHIBIT C.

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1887			$ 6,678 98
From Assessment Collections	$39,018 21		
" " Interest Collections	2,039 86		
" Adjusted Assessments	92,299 95	$133,358 02	
" Deposits for Street Improvements and Sewers		1,875 00	
" General Account Loan		10,000 00	145,233 02
TOTAL			$151,912 00

EXHIBIT D.

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

For Inspectors of Sewers and Improvements	$4,029 00		
" Land Taken	2,650 92		
" Labor (Final on Contracts)	2,897 96		
" Printing and Advertising	2,158 40		
" Returned Deposits, Sewers and Street Improvements	1,675 00		
" Commissioners of Assessments	1,055 00		
" Retained Percentage on Contracts	1,869 23		
" Returned Assessments paid in error	56 49	$16,392 00	
" General Account, Loan		25,000 00	
Total Amount Warrants, issued Dec. 1, 1887, to Nov. 30, 1888		51,392 00	
Amount Warrants, issued previous to Dec. 1, 1887, outstanding at that date		1,933 29	
		53,325 29	
Amount outstanding Nov. 30, 1888		1,443 98	
AMOUNT PAID			$51,881 31
Payments by other than Warrants, as follows:			
Improvement Certificates		$87,000 00	
Interest on Improvement Certificates		5,220 00	92,220 00
Total Payments			$144,101 31
Balance in City Treasury, Nov. 30, 1888			7,810 69
GRAND TOTAL			$151,912 00

EXHIBIT E.

SINKING FUND, 1873.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1887			$ 15,123 94
From Taxes, 1874	$	119 50	
" " 1873		22 60	
" " 1872 and previous years		143 62	
" Interest on Redemptions		272 29	
" Account Printing Tax Sales		52 54	
" Adjusted Taxes, 1873 and 1874		19,494 85	
" " " 1872 and previous years		12,097 62	
" Fines and Licenses		216,419 20	
" Sale of Old School House, No. 20		295 00	
" Interest on Bonds		10,030 00	258,947 22
TOTAL			$274,071 1

EXHIBIT F.

SINKING FUND, 1873.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

General Account, Loan			$245,000 00
Purchased 4 per cent. School House Bond, due March 8, 1891	$4,800 00		
Purchased 4 per cent. Engine House Bond, due Aug. 27, 1895	7,000 00	11,800 00	$256,800 00
Balance in City Treasury, Nov. 30, 1888			17,271 16
GRAND TOTAL			$274,071 16

EXHIBIT G.

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 1.

Balance in City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1887	$6,000 00
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1888	$6,000 00

EXHIBIT H.

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 2.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

Balance in City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1887			$2,500 00
From School House Bond, due Dec. 2, 1887	$5,000 00		
" Interest on " " " "	900 00	5,900 00	
TOTAL			$8,400 00

EXHIBIT I.

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 2.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1887, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1888.

Balance in City Treasury, Nov. 30, 1888	$8,400 00

EXHIBIT J.

SPECIAL BOND ACCOUNT, No. 2.

Balance in City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1887	$3,065 20
Balance in City Treasury, Nov. 30, 1888	$3,065 20

EXHIBIT K.

Bonded Debt (Except Water Account) December 1, 1888.

Issued.	LOAN KNOWN AS	RATE OF INTEREST	INTEREST PAYABLE.	COUPON OR REGISTER'D.	YEAR DUE.	ISSUED BY	GENERAL	ASSESSM'T.
1886..	School House, "Greenville"	4 per cent.	Feb. & Aug.	Registered.	Feb. 4, 1889	Consolidated City	$8,333 34	
1869..	Street Improvements	7 "	Jan. & July	"	July 1, 1889	Bergen.		400,000 00
1869..	Public Schools	6 "	"	"	July 1, 1889	Hudson City.	50,000 00	
1864..	Soldiers' Bounty	7 "	May & Nov.	C. & Reg.	Nov. 1, 1889	Old Jersey City.	206,000 00	
1865..	" "	7 "	Apr. & Oct.	"	Apr. 1, 1890	"	352,000 00	
1865..	" "	7 "	May & Nov.	"	May 1, 1890	Bergen.	41,000 00	
1888..	School House	4 "	Mar. & Sept.	Registered.	Mar. 8, 1891	Consolidated City.	4,800 00	
1871..	Streets and Sewers	7 "	May & Nov.	C. & Reg.	May 1, 1891	"		1,769,000 00
1872..	Public Buildings	7 "	"	"	May 1, 1891	"	100,000 00	
1871..	Improvements	7 "	"	Registered.	Nov. 1, 1891	"		100,000 00
1872..	Streets and Sewers	7 "	Jan. & July	Coupon.	Jan. 1, 1892	"		548,000 00
1872..	Reconstruction Streets and Sewers	7 "	"	"	Jan. 1, 1892	"	369,000 00	
1872..	Streets and Sewers	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered.	Feb. 1, 1892	"		152,000 00
1872..	" "	7 "	"	"	May 1, 1892	"		100,000 00
1872..	Reconstruction Streets and Sewers	7 "	"	"	July 1, 1892	"	31,000 00	
1872..	" " "	7 "	"	"	Nov. 1, 1892	"	10,000 00	
1873..	Streets and Sewers	7 "	"	C. & Reg.	May 1, 1893	"		187,000 00
1873..	" "	7 "	"	Registered.	May 1, 1893	"		100,000 00
1887..	Rebuilding Engine House	5 "	Mar. & Sept.	"	Sept. 1, 1893	"	6,000 00	
1873..	Streets and Sewers	7 "	Apr. & Oct.	C. & Reg.	Oct. 1, 1893	"		459,000 00
1873..	" "	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered.	Nov. 1, 1893	"		11,500 00
1874..	" "	7 "	Jan. & July	C. & Reg.	Jan. 2, 1894	"		500,000 00
1873..	" "	7 "	May & Nov.	Registered.	May 1, 1894	"		1,500 00
1874..	" "	7 "	June & Dec.	C. & Reg.	June 1, 1894	"		500,000 00
1874..	To Fund Assessment Bonds	7 "	"	"	June 1, 1894	"		100,000 00
1874..	Improvements	7 "	Mar. & Sept.	"	Sept. 1, 1894	"	160,000 00	
1874..	"	7 "	"	"	Sept. 1, 1894	"		45,500 00
1888..	Fire Engine House	4 "	Feb. & Aug.	Registered.	Aug. 27, 1895	Consolidated City.	7,000 00	
1872..	Funded Debt	7 "	May & Nov.	C. & Reg.	May 1, 1897	"	500,000 00	
1869..	Public Schools	7 "	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1898	Bergen.	50,000 00	
1870..	"	7 "	"	"	Jan. 1, 1900	"	100,000 00	
1870..	"	7 "	"	"	Apr. 2, 1900	Hudson City.	50,000 00	
1870..	Morgan Street Dock	7 "	"	C. & Reg.	June 8, 1900	Consolidated City.	125,000 00	
1884..	City of Jersey City	6 "	Apr. & Oct.	"	Apr. 1, 1904	"	1,000,000 00	
1875..	To Fund Assessment Bonds	7 "	June & Dec.	"	June 1, 1905	"		600,000 00
1876..	" " "	7 "	Jan. & July	"	Jan. 1, 1906	"		300,000 00
1874..	Improvements	7 "	"	Registered.	Jan. 3, 1906	"	60,000 00	
1879..	To Fund Floating Debt	6 "	Feb. & Aug.	C. & Reg.	Feb. 1, 1909	"	1,353,000 00	
1880..	To Pay Maturing Bonds	6 "	June & Dec.	"	June 1, 1910	"	450,000 00	
1881..	To Pay differences between old and new Assm'ts.	5 "	Apr. & Oct.	"	Apr. 1, 1911	"	150,000 00	
1872..	City Government	7 "	Jan. & July	"	July 1, 1913	"	549,000 00	
	Past due and not called for					Hudson City.	1,750 00	
							5,733,883 34	5,873,500 00

EXHIBIT L.

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Banks and Moneyed Institutions	$150,000 00
Commissioners Sinking Fund	876,000 00
" " Hospital	2,000 00
	$1,028,000 00

EXHIBIT M.

AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE AND UNPAID, DECEMBER 1, 1888.

Taxes, 1872 and previous years	$ 17,299 45	
" 1873	104,420 15	
" 1874	42,422 53	
" 1875	44,171 75	
" 1876	74,453 11	
" 1877	115,634 86	
" 1878	107,009 15	
" 1879	153,125 53	
" 1880	253,402 50	
" 1881	267,727 82	
" 1882	270,071 33	
" 1883	407,198 61	
" 1884	411,937 11	
" 1885	469,074 83	
" 1886	585,172 04	
" 1887	596,425 61	
" 1888	1,584,446 87	$5,503,993 25
Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887		267,249 05
" " 1872 and previous,		10,322 04
" " 1873 and 1874		11,010 61
		$5,792,574 95

EXHIBIT N.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS DUE AND UNPAID, DECEMBER 1, 1888.

For Street Improvements and Sewers	$2,457,650 16
Adjusted Assessments	50,033 64
	$2,507,683 80

EXHIBIT O.

THE WATER DEBT, DECEMBER 1, 1888.

As furnished by Water Registrar, by request, was as follows:

20	Year	7	per cent.	Bonds.	Due July 1, 1889....	$ 52,000 00
30	"	6	"	"	" Jan. 1, 1891....	250,000 00
20	"	7	"	"	" May 1, 1891....	336,000 00
20	"	7	"	"	" Dec. 1, 1891....	248,000 00
30	"	6	"	"	" Jan. 1, 1893....	200,000 00
30	"	6	"	"	" Jan. 1, 1895....	179,000 00
30	"	7	"	"	" Jan. 1, 1899....	100,000 00
32	"	7	"	"	" Jan. 1, 1902....	375,000 00
30	"	7	"	"	" Ap'l 1, 1902....	800,000 00
30	"	7	"	"	" Sep. 1, 1902....	500,000 00
30	"	7	"	"	" Jan. 1, 1904....	250,000 00
30	"	7	"	"	" Jan. 1, 1906....	60,000 00
30	"	7	"	"	" Nov. 1, 1906....	61,000 00
30	"	6	"	"	" July 1, 1907....	255,000 00
30	"	7	"	"	" Mch. 26, 1908....	47,000 00
30	"	6	"	"	" Feb. 1, 1909....	50,000 00
30	"	6	"	"	" July 1, 1909....	50,000 00
40	"	7	"	"	" May 1, 1913....	500,000 00
30	"	5	"	"	" Feb. 1, 1913....	525,000 00
						$4,838,000 00
Amount, Temporary Loan, General Account.....						144,000 00
						$4,982,000 00

EXHIBIT P.

IMPROVEMENT CERTIFICATES, DEC. 1, 1888.

Amount	Improvement	Certificates.	Due Dec.	3,	1888....	$1,000 00
"	"	"	" "	9,	"	3,500 00
"	"	"	" "	14,	"	2,000 00
"	"	"	" "	21,	"	4,500 00
"	"	"	" Jany.	9,	1889....	500 00
"	"	"	" "	18,	"	1,000 00
"	"	"	" "	21,	" ...	1,000 00
"	"	"	" Feby.	4,	"	1,000 00
"	"	"	" "	9,	"	500 00
"	"	"	" "	20,	"	1,500 00
	"	"	" "	25,	"	2,000 00
"	"	"	" Mar.	19,	"	1,000 00
"	"	"	" "	30,	"	500 00
		"	" Apr.	16,	" ...	1,000 00
"	"	"	" June	23,	"	4,000 00

Amount	Improvement	Certificates.	Due	July	3,	1889....	$2,500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	11,	"	2,000 00	
"	"	"	"	"	19,	"	2,000 00	
"	"	"	"	Aug.	3,	"	1,500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	10,	"	500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	28,	"	5,500 00	
"	"	"	"	Sept.	14,	"	5,000 00	
"	"	"	"	"	18,	"	500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	25,	"	2,000 00	
"	"	"	"	Oct.	11,	"	500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	19,	"	1,000 00	
"	"	"	"	"	22,	"	7,500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	31,	"	3,500 00	
"	"	"	"	Nov.	8,	" ...	2,500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	13,	"	2,500 00	
"	"	"	"	"	27,	"	3,500 00	$67,500 00

EXHIBIT Q.

ADJUSTED TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND WATER RENTS TO DECEMBER 1, 1888.

REPORT NO.	DATE FILED.	TOTAL AMOUNT.	AMOUNT COLLECTED.
1.....	November 5, 1887.	$7,014 19	$7,014 19
2.....	" " "	8,208 78	8,208 78
3.....	" 19, "	31,818 61	24,131 39
4.....	December 10, "	18,538 10	18,538 10
5.....	" 29, "	28,537 71	24,324 09
6.....	January 4, 1888.	56,614 36	35,044 02
7.....	" 24, "	37,930 67	33,572 39
8.....	February 25, "	78,788 43	67,059 12
9.....	" " "	17,561 43	14,500 65
10	March 27, "	37,490 22	24,180 42
11.....	" 19, "	27,014 93	13,953 79
12.....	April 16, "	61,388 70	53,833 91
13.....	May 21, "	55,656 49	32,452 84
14.....	" 1, "	42,999 32	27,976 45
15.....	" 21, "	52,095 51	35,202 40
16.....	June 4, "	27,962 48	18,083 33
17.....	" 19, "	8,265 79	4,594 74
18.....	" 23, "	39,916 44	20,059 74
19.....	October 17, "	90,583 31	7,852 03
20.....	July 16, "	44,158 49	29,062 64
22.....	August 16, "	25,805 28	20,370 50
23.....	October 2, "	76,131 49	48,408 84
24.....	" 24, "	39,213 70	7,171 85
26.....	November 12, "	50,009 01	25,417 28
Totals.....		$963,703 44	$601,013 49

Reports Nos. 21 and 25 not filed.

EXRIBIT R.

TABLE SHOWING ORIGINAL AND ADJUSTED AMOUNTS OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND WATER RENTS TO DECEMBER 1, 1888.

	ASSESSMENTS.		TAXES.	
	ORIGINAL AMOUNT.	ADJUSTED AMOUNT.	ORIGINAL AMOUNT.	ADJUSTED AMOUNT.
Report No. 1	$7,195 70	$2,897 40	$8,126 28	$3,916 69
" 2	1,959 54	964 32	9,058 00	6,519 83
" 3	17,131 32	6,195 69	27,142 09	24,044 10
" 4	5,355 19	3,215 24	19,101 65	14,886 13
" 5	10,882 64	5,058 88	33,165 38	22,220 96
" 6	20,794 24	9,171 92	63,897 82	42,772 65
" 7	8,474 47	3,736 58	46,033 77	32,858 28
" 8	35,751 07	17,528 03	94,299 83	58,108 58
" 9	6,214 12	3,450 35	14,620 08	13,472 51
" 10	921 90	583 65	39,061 05	34,539 45
" 11	6,291 99	3,515 40	27,231 19	21,714 08
" 12	12,738 27	7,562 31	66-652 94	52,266 07
" 13	7,130 23	4,180 61	52,451 21	49,751 50
" 14	15,818 66	7,243 88	41,240 63	35,299 54
" 15	9,006 32	5,557 07	60,450 60	42,664 40
" 16	8,548 66	4,186 20	25,741 84	20,942 91
" 17	7,429 78	1,930 00	13,580 78	6,335 79
" 18	11,335 49	7,187 83	35,030 46	30,849 03
" 19	906 38	874 00	83,437 41	86,210 15
" 20	16,583 80	9,975 17	42,837 09	32,214 47
" 22	9,529 25	6,184 50	34,523 09	18,829 36
" 23	34,934 34	17,254 18	74,256 44	54,730 06
" 24	17,089 80	10,301 03	32,292 93	27,171 68
" 26	8,649 25	6,205 70	52,546 94	41,888 59
	$280,672 41	$144,959 94	$996,779 50	$775,206 81

RECAPITULATION.

Amount Adjusted Assessments	$144,959 94	
" " Taxes	775,206 81	
" " Water Rents	43,536 69	
		$963,703 44

EXHIBIT S.

STATEMENT OF THE SINKING FUNDS, ON DECEMBER 1, 1888.

SINKING FUND, 1873, COMPOSED OF:			
Water Bonds, 7 per cent. due 1891..	$ 50,000 00		
" 6 " " 1891..	2,000 00		
" 6 " " 1895..	17,000 00		
" 7 " " 1902..	102,000 00		
School House Bond, 4 per cent, due 1889	8,333 34		
Hospital Bond, 5 per cent. due Dec. 20, '88	2,000 00		
School House Bond, 4 per cent. due 1891	4,800 00		
Engine House Bond, 4 " " 1895	7,000 00		
Fire Works Bond, 7 " " 1874	3,565 00		
Temporary Loan Bonds.....	876,000 00		
		$1,072,698 34	
Cash in City Treasury.....		17,271 16	
			$1,089,969 50
SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 1, COMPOSED OF:			
Cash in City Treasury.....			6,000 00
SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 2, COMPOSED OF:			
Engine House Bond, 5 per cent. due 1893		6,000 00	
Cash in City Treasury.....		8,400 00	14,400 00
Total amount in Sinking Funds.....			$1,110,369 50

On motion of Mr. Jordan the report was received, ordered spread in full on the minutes and filed, and the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies requested to have 1,000 copies printed in pamphlet form.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Purchase of Supplies.
2. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee of Finance and Claims reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$4.80 to K. K. Stearns, for services as stenographer.

$25 to the Journal of Commerce for advertising.

The same committee reported on communication from John C. Copper, for payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant for $305.41 be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Walter C. Rodman, Attorney for John C. Copper, being amount of judgment and costs recovered in the suit wherein the said John C. Copper was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants; and further

Resolved, That bond No. 430 for $1,000 payable July 1, 1913, now held by John C. Copper be and is hereby reinstated upon the list of bonds upon which coupons are payable upon maturity or presentation.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $209 for expenses at Public School Building No. 6; and further

Resolved, That the sum of $209 be appropriated from the Contingent Fund of this Board for said purpose.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee was received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on Concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims; also the resolution for the extension of Willow Court.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $262.20 for extra work done on new fire engine house No 11; and further

Resolved, That the sum of $262.20 be appropriated from the Contingent Fund of this Board for said purpose.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the vote, by which was

adopted April, 4th, 1889, the resolution ordering drawn a warrant in favor of John E. McArthur, for $262.20, be and is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

By Mr. Datz·

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel lien for taxes of 1870, adjusted by Commissioners against lot N, in block 103, First District, and which is indefinately described as part 34 and uncertain in location.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That the sum of $1,000 be appropriated by this Board, for the purpose of regrading and improving Cooper place, from Newark avenue to Gregory street, said amount to be taken from the Contingent Fund of this Board, fiscal year, 1888 and '89.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourned, it will adjourn to meet Saturday, April 13, 1889, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

An adjourned special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Saturday, April, 13, 1889, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Present—Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

In the absence of the President Mr. Datz, was elected to act as President pro tem.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from John A. McGrath, for John Daly, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Mosler, Bowen & Co., $7.50 for opening safe.

Claim of Albert Datz, of $20.00 for stationery.

All received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery, and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions, month of March, 1889.

Awarding damages for change of grade on Montgomery street.

Ordering paid certain claims.

All received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Warren:

Resolved, That Michael Reardon, be and he is hereby appointed as Assessor of the Third District, of Jersey City, for the year commencing April, 13th, 1889.

By Mr. Datz:

Resolved, That Charles W. Laws, be and he is hereby appointed as Assessor for the Fifth District, of Jersey City, for the year commencing April 13th, 1889.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That Frederick W. Wright, be and he is hereby appointed as Assessor for the Sixth District, of Jersey City, for the year commencing April 13th, 1889.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan, and Warren.

Absent—President Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY,
Clerk.

An adjourned special meeting was held in the City Hall, Saturday, April, 13th, 1889, at 11:45 o'clock, a m.

Present—Messrs Datz, Hardenbergh, Jordan, and Warren.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Datz was elected President pro tem.

The minutes of the adjourned special meeting were read and approved.

And on motion of Mr. Warren, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY,
Clerk.

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